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Sleepwalk wife died in fall on staircase

A HOUSEWIFE known to suffer from sleepwalking was found by her husband dead at the bottom of their staircase, an inquest heard. The family of Jane Robin-

son believe she fell down the stairs in the middle of the

son believe she fell down the stairs in the middle of the night.

Despite efforts by her hus band Neil to rouse her, Mrs Robinson, aged 51, died in the fall at their home in Stourbridge on March 9. She suffered fractures to her head.

Black Country deputy coroner Dr Andrew Thompson ruled at the inquest that Mrs Robinson, who works as a metal polisher, giving evidence at the hearing, said the couple who lived at Churchward Close, Amblecote, enjoyed a normal night after he had got back from work and had some drinks.

He said he thought she seemed a little "stressed out" adding: "She was tossing and turning for a bit after they had gone to bed.

Mr Robinson, aged 49, said: "When I got up and put the landing light on I saw her. I was unable to raise her, she was stone cold."

In giving his verdict Dr Thompson said there was no evidence that the alcohol in her system had contributed to her death.

New phase on link road

THE next stage of work to build a new road and roundabout linking three of the Dudley's biggest tourist attractions is under way.

It follows the completion of a new junction providing access to the Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

The link road and island is

Trust.
The link road and island is part of a £10million plan to create a single shared entrance for the sites and help boost visitors numbers.
In October work was completed on the first stage of the project – a new £450,000 junction, near the new archives centre, off Tipton Road.

W MORRISONS BRING 90 JOBS

by Sharon Marris

SUPERMARKET Morrisons has been given permission to build a new multi-million pound store in Kingswinford, which will create almost 90 new jobs.

The company had applied to demolish its existing store, in Stallings Lane Kingswinford, and replace it with a 22,500 sq ft supermarket. Plans for the supermarket came before Dudley Borough Council's planning development committee on Monday and met with unanimous approval. Councillor Stuart Turner said: "The car park there now is too small and this new supermarket would be an asset to the area."

Councillor Colin Wilson added, a note of caution, saying: "With all these applications for supermarkets, you'd think the population of Dudley was starving.

"I do hope all these places have done their sums and are sustainable."

Threspective of that, this is a first-class application."

The development comes after budget supermarket chain Lidl announced plans to create a new store just yards away from Morrisons, promising another 40 jobs.

The Morrisons supermarket would feature a 12-pump petrol station and 407 space car park.

traffic jams

PARKING and waiting restrictions will come into force on Brierley Hill High Street as part of a congestion-busting multi-mil-lion pound scheme.

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A trial to cut traffic in the town centre starts this weekend, marking the final stage of £27 million road scheme aimed at boosting trade and cutting traffic jams.

Traders have long campaigned for bays to stop people parking on double yellow lines and stopping buses and lorries using the busy high street.

Four new bays allowing people to park up along the street will be introduced on Sunday. Four separate disabled parking areas will also be created near Brierley Hill Police Station.

A full parking ban will be introduced down the opposite length of the street accessing Brierley Hill Library and the indoor market. Loading space for goods lorries delivering to the stores will also be created.

If the trial is a success, it will be made

permanent.

The £100,000 project is the final stage of the wider £27m project creating the Venture Way parallel bypass which began six years

ago.
Chairman of Brierley Hill Traders Association, Shane Birch-Bastock, welcomed the



Volunteers are honoured

Dudley Mayor Melvyn Mottram with the borough's award-winning volunteers including Joshim Uddin and Sandra Emery, front

The planning report said: "The proposal would generate a significant number of new jobs and economic benefits to Dudley, the Black Country and the West Midlands as a whole at a time of high unemployment."

space car park.

Plans had come to the council in May last

Plans had come to the council in May last year but were delayed because of talks over access to the site.

These were cleared up, however, after the original proposal was resubmitted with a traffic light junction into Stallings Lane. This gained the approval of council planners who then sent it on to the council's planning development committee.

planning development committee. Significant

ment."
The supermarket would be 247 feet from homes in Hawkeswell Drive and Avondale Close and would be open from 7am until 11pm Monday to Saturday and 10am until 4pm on Sundays. Deliveries, however, would take place between 6am and 11pm deliv. There had been concern that the larger

There had been concern that the largest store may make life more difficult for the nearby Kingswinford town centre but council planners found this would be small. They said the likely impact on the town centre would be a loss of £0.07 million.

They added: "It has been shown that the country is currently trading above company.

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average levels.

"The level of impact would not have a harmful effect on the performance of the

AWARD-winning volunteers from across
Dudley – including a couple who have
worked tirelessly for their community for
more than 30 years, charity workers and
campaigners – have been honoured.
The community-spirited residents who
had scooped Dudley Volunteer Awards last
year, were invited for afternon tea by
Councillor Melvyn Mottram.
They were presented with brave weeds!

Award With the Council of the community series and amount of fantastic volunteers.

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Councillor Melvyn Mottram.
They were presented with bronze medals designed and finished by students from Glasshouse College in Stourbridge in recognition of their achievements.
Volunteers were given a tour of civic insignia in Dudley Council chamber, before being treated to tea and cakes in the Mayor's parlour. The event, organised by

heroes that all they truly are."

The special guest list included Jasper and
Marva Nisbett, of Lower Gornal, a husband
and wife team who have volunteered for
more than 30 years helping people around
them, making hospital visits and more
recently collecting food for the Black Country Food Bank. Mrs Nisbett said the visit to
the council house had made her reflect on
how "proud" she is to live in Dudley. how "proud" she is to live in Dudley.

Lenny is to finally have the freedom

DUDLEY-born comedian Lenny Henry will now have a Freedom of the Borough after councillors reached a consensus over bestowing the honour. Councillors had delayed

Councillors had delayed their pledge to reward the funnyman after some mem-bers raised concerns that Mr Henry may not meet the existing criteria for the civic award

existing criteria for the civic award.

This came despite a public announcement by Dudley Council saying the move has the support of both political party group leaders at the council at the time.

But now a working party of councillors has drawn up of councillors has drawn up criteria to honour people who make an "eminent con-tribution to the life of the borough" in a bid to recog-nise the stand-up comic and actor.

borough" in a bid to recognise the stand-up comic and actor.

He said the Conservative group would discuss the issue further on Thursday ahead of the full council.

Under the newly established criteria, personalities in the world of entertainment, culture, medicine, sports, public services, sciences, social care and the economy can now be awarded the traditional scroll signifying the Freedom of the Borough.

The criteria and the award for Lenny Henry are expected to be agreed at a meeting of the full council on February 25.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor David Sparks, said: "The working party has done a great job in cleaning this situation up. Lenny Henry clearly more than fulfills the new criteria."

Town enjoys crime drop

CRIME in one Dudley town dropped by 12 per cent in a year, police claim.

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Insp Dez Lambert said the reduction in crime in Halesowen was a further drop from the year before.

Speeding, parking and dog fouling are among residents' key policing priorities, he told a Community Forum meeting this week.

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Trial move to beat illegal fishing ANGLERS have been fishing illegally in a pool at a popular park – prompting bosses to trial all year of trial basis. ANGLERS have been fishing illegalty in a pool at a popular park – open to anglers all year round on a prompting bosses to trial all year of trial basis. on whether to make the move permanent. manent. The council spent £1,404 on additime fishing syndicate members on

ANGLERS have been using megally in a pool at a popular park – prompting bosses to trial all year

prompting bosses to trial all year round opening to combat them. Extra security has been drafted in at Himley Park, on the border of Dudley and South Staffordshire, to protect the water at night and prevent the theft of fish during the closed season.

Now the council, which runs the site, is taking steps to stop the illegal

marathon

for fundina

ning Club and an administration assistant with the council's youth education team, will be taking part in the London Marathon on April 21 in aid of the Breast Cancer

Her choice of charity fol-lowed a "scare" last year in which she found a lump that turned out to be

benign.
She first ran the capital's

she first rai the capital s marathon last year, when she finished in five hours and 19 minutes, raising £3,200 for Cancer Research

"I plan to beat both my time and the amount raised this year," said Sarah, who lives in Dud-ley." Sarah has already raised more than £1,900

Campaign.

on whether to make the move permanent.

The council spent £1,404 on additional security last year, Dudley's environment chief Councillor Tracy Wood said.

She added: "The enforced closed season at Himley Park appears to be encouraging illegal angling on the lake by people using inappropriate

lake by people using inappropriate equipment, thus harming the health of the fish. "This problem is exacer-

bated at night when there are no duty wardens on site and no night time fishing syndicate members on site and issues regarding the theft of high value specimen fish have arisen at night time during the closed sea-

son.
"This issue was considered prob-lematic enough in 2012 that a security company was temporarily contracted to prevent illegal fishing and fish theft."

Driver who fell asleep at wheel caused death

help him sleep promptly nodded off at the wheel and caused the death of a man in a road smash, a court heard.

Michael Worrall admitted causing death by dangerous driving when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He was involved in an early morning, two-car crash in Kingswinford in which Geoffrey Harris was killed.

Worrall, aged 70, hadn't slept for a few days before the collision last February, the court heard

the court heard.
Prosecuting, Mohammed
Hafeez, said Worrall had been suffering from ill-health and was taking medication.
"In essence the defendant

DUDLEY Council worker Sarah Oakley is in training for her third marathon – after being "bitten by the bug" a year ago. Sarah, aged 38, a mem-ber of Stourbridge Run-ning Club and an administration assistant with the council's youth fell asleep at the wheel hav-ing not slept for a number of nights," he added.

"He decided to take the

car out to assist him in sleeping as driving helps him sleep."

Collision

Wither

Worrall, of Withern Way,
Lower Gornal, was then
involved in a two-car collision in Stallings Lane at
around 5am on February 27.
A blue Vauxhall Astra,
which Worrall was driving,
crashed with a red Renault
Megane.
Mr Harris was found in
cardiac arrest and was taken

orariac arrest and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital, where he later died.

In court Worrall spoke only to confirm his name and plead guilty to the charge.

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Tributes were made to Mr
Harris, aged 56 and of
Abberley Road, Lower Gor-

Abberley Road, Lower Gornal, after his death.
Worrall will be sentenced on March 8 at the same court after a pre-sentence report has been compiled. He was told to co-operate with probation services as part of his bail conditions.
Judge Michael Challinor also gave him an immediate interim disqualification from driving.

raised more than 21,500 this year after organising charity quiz nights, bucket collections and car washes. To support her go to http://justgiving.com/sarah -oakley2 or call on 07850 from driving. Prescription for a charity climb



armacist Dinesh Patel preparing for his charity expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro

A CHARITY fundraiser has set off to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

Mount Kilimanjaro.

Pharmacist Dinesh Patel had been in training before flying out to Nairobi for the charity event. The intrepid 54-year-old had been training for the past few weeks including gym sessions and walking with a backpack filled with bottles of water to test his strength. He has also walked between his five pharmacies across the region, including

the Hawne Chemist, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, and Millard and Bullock Phar-macy, in Castle Street, Coseley.

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"It will be the trip of a lifetime," said Mr
Patel, who lives in Romsley. He is travelling
as part of a group scaling the 19,000ft peak
in Tanzania. They hope to reach the summit
within four days with a walk through the
night to reach the peak as the sun rises
today.

Officials in vow to find new practice

HEALTH officials have vowed 1,500 patients who will be left without a GP when a practice closes next month.

closes next month.
Kates Hill Surgery, Dudley,
closes on March 28 – three
years after opening.
Officials said the Wolverton
Road practice failed to attract
enough new patients.
It opened in April 2010
after Dudley's primary care
trust, NHS Dudley, commissioned if. The trust is being sioned it. The trust is being abolished at the end of March. It is now part of the Black Country Cluster.

Country Cluster:
Cluster spokesman Richard
Haynes said: "Despite the
excellent services offered at
the surgery, there have been
lower numbers of patients
registering with the practice
than was expected when the
contract was commissioned.
"It was intended that the

"It was intended that the high quality services and extended opening times at Kates Hill would attract a higher number of patients than has been the case. This means it is no longer viable to continue running the serv-

"We are working closely we are working closely with the surgery team to make sure that all the patients registered with Kates Hill Surgery are supported to register with an alternative

Jobs lost at steel firm

TEN jobs have been lost after a Dudley steel stock-holding business went into administration.

The workers were made redundant before administrators were appointed to D J Jasper (Steels) of Wartell Bank, Dawley Brook Road, Kingswinford. Three workers have been kept on to assist administrators PKF who are searching for a assist administrators PKF who are searching for a buyer for the firm. PKF said there had been some interest in buying the assets of the business.

21 sex charges

A DUDLEY man is facing 21 indecent assault charges. The accusations against Mark Passmore, aged 48, of High Street, Pensnett, Mark Passmore, aged 48, of High Street, Pensnett, include indecent assaults on a girl under 14 and attempt-ing to rape a girl under 16. Passmore has been bailed and he will reappear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on May 8.



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Have say over mail move bid

THE Post Office is planning to move its branch at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre into a larger spot indoors.

indoors.
Shoppers are being invited to have their say on the proposals to relocate the office, which is opposite the bus station.

station.

Its new home would be on the upper level of the centre, next to the management

The move is part of a major

The move is part of a major modernisation programmeby the Post Office across its network. It would lead to the Merry Hill branch's opening hours being extended by 11 hours a week, from Monday to Saturday.

Post Office regional network manager for Central England, Adrian Wales, said: "We understand how important having a Post Office is to customers at the Merry Hill Centre. We are confident that this new modern branch will meet the needs of the local community and secure serv-

meet the needs of the local community and secure serv-ices for the future."

The Post Office wants locals to give their feedback about the Merry Hill proposal before March 14.

Send in their views by Freepost to Your Comments to Post Office Ltd, via email to comments@postoffice.co.u k or by calling 08457 223344.

Children in story time

CHILDREN put on their pyjamas and enjoyed a special bedtime story session with Halesowen

special bedtime story session with Halesowen father turned author Lee Howell at a library. The youngsters arrived at Cradley Library, in Colley Lane, dressed in their pyjamas and enjoyed a drink and a biscuit as they listened to him reading his own work to him reading his own work "Millie's Magic Bed".

Millie's Magic Bed".

He wrote the book as a Christmas gift for his daughters. Bedtime stories run on the last Thursday of each month at Cradley Library. The next session will be on February 28.

Work postponed

VITAL work needed to improve a secondary school canteen has been postponed. Staff at Woodgreen Academy, Wednesbury were left devastated after ITV's Daybreak pulled a feature that could have seen the school receive £250,000 improvements. Headteacher Pank Patel said they were Pank Patel said they were still hopeful they could find the money.





Inside pictures are latest weapon in theatre battle

scenery into place to the art deco coving and dressing rooms once graced by stars of the stage – a display of pictures of Dudley Hippodrome are the latest campaign weapon supporters hope will save the venue from demolition.

Venue from demolition.

Campaigners fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome photographed the historical features in the threatened building to get people to back their fight to stop the theatre being levelled.

Council officers have already submitted plans to knock down the council-owned former theatre to make way for the major Castle Hill development. But The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome say the 1930s building should be saved and restored to welcome the biggest stars of the stage.

The building has been empty since 2009 when Gala Bingo shut.

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Around 30 people attended a public meeting held at The Station Hotel when the images, taken by campaigner Dr Paul Collins, were put on show for the first time.

The images show the intact fly tower which has more than 20 hoists to change the scenery and move equipment during a production.

Acoustics

The collection also shows the architectural features of the ceilings and walls to enhance acoustics, the art deco fixtures and fittings and even two dressing rooms with doors that still bear the names Moscow and Madrid – a tradition in theorems.

Dr Collins said: "This is a solid steel structured

Dr Collins said: 1 nis is a solid steer structured building, it is very much fit for purpose. And, although some of the bingo areas have been vandalised, a lot of that is only cosmetic."

Chairman of the group Geoff Fitzpatrick said: "The thing is many people just think of the hippodrome as a bingo hall. They don't realise there are all these wonderful features hidden inside. People have forwarten.

all these wonderful features hidden inside. People have forgotten.

"With these images I hope we can show people what it is like, and remind them of the fantastic features which are hidden away."

Campaigner Joanna Roden said the group was hoping to preserve the future of the building. She said: "It's not about the past anymore, this is all about the future, about how the hippodrome could work, and benefit Dudley.

"We have the Black Country Living Museum and the zoo that people visit during the day, if we reopened the theatre it would boost our evening economy. We could start offering tourist packages

economy. We could start offering tourist packages to Dudley." Theatre friends Paul Collins, Martin Whitehead and Joanna Roden



Geoff Fitzpatrick, chairman of the friends' group speaking on the campaign to save the theatre



One of the cornices inside Dudley Hippodrome

Inscription plan for war memorial

A FIRST World War memo be inscribed to commemo-rate soldiers who have died

rate soldiers who have died in other conflicts.

The Angel of Peace statue by St Mary and All Saints Church pays tribute the dead of the 1914-1918 war.

Kidderminster Charter Trustees want to add an inscription to the base of the statue stating:
"In proud and undying memory of all men and women connected with Kidderminster who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war and all other conflicts".

£10,000 of bikes stolen from shed

THREE bikes, worth a total of £10,000, have been stolen from a garden shed in Kidderminster.
Police described them as "distinctive" and appealed for help from witnesses.

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Two of the bikes are for off-road use – a white Santa Cruz Juliana worth £2,000 and a black Santa Cruz V10 worth £6,000.

The other is a yellow Carrera road bike worth £2,000. The bikes were taken from a shed off Alder Avenue between 7pm or Friday, February 8 and 8.40am the next day.

Major roadworks have reached end

A MAJOR 21-month-long roadworks scheme in Dudley town centre, which left many traders out of pocket, has finally been finally been completed. Utility companies

have been upgrading services and carrying out repairs in 53 streets since April 2011

Dudley Council said the final phase of the work which in Wolverhampton Street was finished last week.

Premature babies support meeting

A GROUP to help the famlies of premature babies is organising a "chintzy

ilies of premature babies is organising a "chintzy vintage-style" cafe and cake sale on March 8.

The event, run by Dudley Bliss Family Group, will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Secret Coffee Club in Insight House, Pearson Street, off High Street, Brierley Hill. Volunteers are needed to help sell the cakes.

Beef still on menue

DUDLEY hospital bosses have said they will con-tinue to put beef on the menu for patients, despite the horse meat scandal. Some Aldi and Findus beef products were removed from store shelves.









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OF PETER YOU are what you eat. I had a beef pie on Tuesday and

YES, I know there's a lot of it about. Throat full of razor blades, head full of snot and your voice suddents. dropping an octave. For men, there is one advantage of this chesty winter malady. At last we can all do a good impression of Lee Marvin's basso-profundo hit from Paint Your Wagon. All together now: I was born under a wandrin' star.

THE wrong sort of snow brought down an oak tree which in turn brought down all the phone lines in our neighbourhood. As I reported earlier, BT said on Monday it would be fixed in 48 hours. Fat chance. The engineer tells me it could have been sorted earlier but he had to wait for the man who decides whether telegraph poles are safe to climb. No surprises there, then,

TRYING to get our calls diverted was enough to make you tear your hair out. It involved the inevitable conversation with a call centre in India. When these call centres first opened I used to chat for ages with operators in Benares or Bangalore about where they were and where I was and how's the weather your end and who'd you fancy for the First Test? But over the years the fluent English speakers seem to have moved on. Call me paranoid but I suspect when I call up these days, the supervisor cups his hand over the phone and says to his team: "Rhodes on the line again. Anyone here not speak English?"

SO FAREWELL, Pope Benedict. Purely by chance we were in Italy when he became Pope in 2005. As we flipped between CNN and BBC in our hotel room, there was some confusion about events in the Vatican. Had the right colour of smoke emerged from the chimney? Had the cardinals made their decision or were they still haggling? Yet while CNN and the BBC dithered, all the church bells in Riva del

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ONE of the most depressing reports this week is the news that Britain does not have enough skilled IT technicians to make the internet secure. Because our universities are turning out the wrong sort of graduates, using the ties are turning out the wrong sort of graduates, using the worldwide web will become increasingly risky. But while we are short of cyber experts, we are knee deep in videotechnique, leisure-planning and media-studies graduates who have no jobs, no hope and £40,000 of university debt. At the heart of this imbalance of talent is the old snob-

bery among English academics for anything that involves using your hands or, heaven forbid, wearing a boiler suit. Wickedly misled by useless careers advisers, bright kids who could make a great living working with widgets waste three years of their lives faffing around with video cameras in the belief that they will be the next Matt Baker. Meanwhile, plumbers (if you can get one) charge £60 per hour.

AND off to the nurse for the annual blood-pressure test and analysis of my latest blood sample. Every-thing seems boringly normal but I suspect 20 years from now we will look back on this ritual examination of our gore in much the way that today's doctors look back on leeches, bleeding cups, black bile and miasma. Medicine never stands still. Today's wisdom

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star











It's every little bit part that helps Tesco extra

YOU may not know it, but you have probably seen supermarket worker John Walker dozens, maybe hundreds of times - and not necessarily from behind the deli counter at the Dudley Tesco where he works.

Tesco where he works.

As well as serving up fresh fish, he works as a TV and film extra and has made more than 2,000 appearances over 14 years in 200 shows.

Whether it is playing a patient in Casualty, a crime officer in Midsomer Murders or a rioter in The Bill, John says he has played more characters than he can remember.

Most of the time, he is simply a face in the crowd or background, dressed up and asked to play out the role of a drinker in a rule in teen seen Hol-

the role of a drinker in a pub in teen soap Hol-lyoaks; a Victorian man at the races in The Invis-ible Woman or an office worker in CBBCs Bert and

Dickie.
But as well as being a backgrounder, he is also picked to play characters or act as a double for another actor.
He played Thomas Dent, a murderer in the ITV show the Killers; Great Train Robber Jimmy White in ITV drama Mrs Biggs and Professor Lennox in CBBCs Wizards vs Aliens.
He has also acted at Ewen Bremner's double on in shows, including Great Expectations, where he stops a fight between two other characters, played by Robbie Coltrane and Tamzin Outhwaite.

Counter

A world away from his job behind the counter at Tesco Extra, Burnt Tree in Dudley, Mr Walker will pick up between £80 and £280 a day for his screen

roles.

This has not only lined his pockets, but it has also seen him find romance – meeting his fianceé Neilum Raqia, aged 36, on the set of daytime show Doctors nearly five years ago.

"My role was to say to my wife, 'Joanne, she is here talking to Victor", he said. "While saying it I looked off camera and saw the most beautiful woman I'd ever seen. I said the line a number of times and kept looking at her – straight away off screen we hit it off instantly."

The couple, who live in Holly Road, Dudley, and

The couple, who live in Holly Road, Dudley, and are set to marry this November, now combine their work as extras on television, and have appeared together on Misfits, Gavin and Stacey

and casualty.

The acting work all started for John when he spotted an advert to become an extra for a Doctor Who spin-off show for video called Auton 2 in 1998.

1998.

An avid fan of the sci-fi series, John, who then lived in Bath and worked in the head office at Safeway, signed up for the role alongside Nick Briggs, who is the voice of the Daleks, in Dorset. John enjoyed the work so much he signed up to an outling to serve in Pairick until the bissoft forward. acting agency in Bristol, putting himself forward



Day job - John Walker working at Tesco

for dozens of roles. Despite working 9am to 5pm for Safeway, the company allowed John to organise his work around his acting.

At his peak in 2005, he was acting as an extra on television sets once a week.

He said: "I was working as everything on everything, and loving it at the same time.

Picked

"You are not supposed to appear on rival soaps, but $\, I \,$ did it $\, - \, I \,$ was the doctor on Coronation Street, Emmerdale and Hollyoaks all in the same

"The roles I was picked to do were always fun, and I find myself very often picked to be a doctor

"It's a great chance to get away from real life, have some fun and see some of the stars.
"Most were great, some not so, but I wouldn't

want to name names." Extra Time
But it is not just random extra roles John and ing Artist.

John Walker on the set of Invisible Woman fianceé Neilum get called up for. The couple have regular show characters – best known as a policing pair on Midsomer Murders, Scott and Bailey

and DCI Banks.

John said: "People often say "I saw you on TV last night" – I think I've done so much I'm on

"It was great first seeing yourself on the screen, but now we're both used to it."

In 2008, John took redundancy to pursue a career in acting and production, but soon found the new career path did not suit him and

returned to part-time work.

Asked what makes him a successful extra,
John said: "Blending in the background, not
making big movements and having the ability to
mime rubbish with no-one knowing.
John has written a book on his work called
Extra Time: The Real Life Exploits of a Support-

Police in hunt for bike theft teenagers

DETECTIVES are trying to trace three teenagers in connection with the robbery of a young boy in West Bromwich.

The 10-year-old was threatened and pushed off his bike by three boys at the skate park in Kenrick Park at a round 4.30pm on Sunday, January 13.

The bike, a Stolen BMX has a red frame and white wheels. It also has pictures of skulls and the word 'Stolen' written on it.

Two of the teenagers are white, one aged between 15 and 19, with a skinny build and missing or discoloured teeth, wearing a black hooded top and a dark coloured NY cap.

The other was aged between 17 and 19, and around 6ft. He had dark eyebrows and brown eyes and is believed to have had a silver or black stud in his eyebrow and two piercings in his chin. He was wearing a black cap, a dark hooded top and a black body warmer.

The third was mixed race, aged between 13 and 18, skinny build and around 5ft 4ins. He also had a piercing in his eyebrow and had missing teeth. He was

in his eyebrow and had missing teeth. He was wearing a red bobble hat.

Depot plan put on hold

PLANS by Severn Valley Railway for a new diesel depot at Kidderminster Station have been out on hold by Wyre Forest District Council's planning commit-

A report to the committee last week said there had been one letter of objection from a local resident con-cerned about possible fumes

and noise.
The railway wants to construct the new depot for maintenance and storage of diesel locomotives.
Councillors agreed to defer consideration of the application at their recent meeting. eeting.

Pothole problem

SEVERAL cars were damaged after hitting a deep pothole on the M6 in the Black Country. Emergency highways workers were called to repair the hole on the slip road from the M6 south onto the M5 at junction eight near Great Barr. One lane was closed during the repairs. the repairs.

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A need for 950 foster **families**

AT least 950 new foster families are needed in the West Midlands in 2013 to look after children in care, according to new figures.

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A record 8,500 children live with foster families in the region on any day, and more come in and out of care throughout the year.

More foster families are needed to replace those people who retire or leave the workforce every year—13 per cent, or more than one in eight people.

The scale of the challenge facing fostering services was today laid bare by figures released by the charity The Fostering Network.

Without new families, the charity warns, too many

charity warns, too many children will fail to get the

children will fail to get the care they need.

Some will live in children's homes when a foster family would be the best option for them, bosses say. The charity has also warned that children could be moved to live with foster carers a long way from their current home, school or current home, school or family.

People who require infor-People who require information about becoming foster carers should contact their local service, go to www.couldyoufoster.org. uk or contact Fosterline by calling 0800 040 7675.

Insight into universities

PROSPECTIVE university students and their parents attended an event hosted by a Black Country MP aimed at introducing higher educa-

at introducing higher educa-tion to the next generation. Stourbridge MP Margot James organised it at the new £2.1 million Glasshouse Arts Centre, Amblecote. Representatives from 17 universities and education groups met more than 300 students and their parents. They had the chance to chat with university repre-

chat with university repre-sentatives, who also ran a

panel discussion. The evening included university-run workshops on topics including student finance, how to choose a course, the application process, student life and

Appeal on peal

A CHURCH near Stour-bridge needs more bell ringers. St John the Baptist, next to Hagley Hall, is appealing for people who already know how to ring bells – and those who would like to learn. Call 01562 886363.

Coach driver, 50, is jailed over killer crash



Birmingham Crown Court heard the 50-year-old failed a breath test after the crash, which claimed the lives of coach passenger Liaquat Ali and the lorry's

driver William Mapstone. Dhesi was later below the drink-drive limit when a second sample was taken at a police

Mr Ali, from Smethwick, was pro-nounced dead at the scene, between junction three for Halesowen and four for Lydiate Ash on March 24 last year. Mr Mapstone, from Wells in Somerset, died in hospital.

Last week's hearing was told Dhesi was fined for drink-driving 12 years ago after falling asleep and crashing a bus. Passing sentence, Judge Michael

Chambers QC expressed concern as to whether Dhesi, of Nether Hall Avenue,

was remorseful for his actions.

He told the father-of-two, who pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, that the fatal accident gerous driving, that the tatal accident had been avoidable. The court heard Dhesi was driving a party of more than 30 fruit-packers from Birmingham to Evesham. The judge, who also imposed a four-year driving ban, told the coach "At the root of the present case is a serious loss of judgment. Alcohol impairs judgment."



Family tribute to wonderful husband, father and brother





William Mapstone

THE family of a Black Country man killed in a

motorway crash have paid tribute to a "won-derful, husband, father and brother" after the man responsible for the tragedy started a sixyear jail sentence.

Father-of-three Liaquat Ali was killed when a lorry hit the back of the broken-down coach in which he was a pas-

senger.

Speaking after Great Barr coach driver Jasminder

Speaking after Great Barr coach uriver dashinder. Singh Dhesi was jailed after admitting responsibility for the fatal crash, relatives spoke of their devastation.

Solicitor Katijah Ahmed read out a statement on behalf of Mr Ali's wife, Fozia Shaheen, and his brother, Ashfaq Ahmed, who was also a passenger in the coach but

survivêd the crash. It said: "We have been through a tragic ordeal over the

It said: We nave been through a tragic ordean over the last 11 months.

"Liaquat was a wonderful husband, father and brother who doted over his three young children." Whilst we are relieved that justice has been served. We will never be able to overcome our loss. For Fozia, in particular, her world ended on the morning of March 24, 2012.

"The family would like to thank everyone who has sup-"The family would like to thank everyone who has supported them through this difficult time. The fight however is not over as the family so lovingly supported, continue to struggle without him.

Dhesi had been drinking high-strength lager hours before his coach broke down three times in foggy conditions on the M5. It was struck by a lorry travelling at 54mph between Junction three for Halesowen and four

for Lydiate Ash. The lorry's driver William Mapstone, om Somerset, later died in hospital.

Prosecutor Mr Neil Bannister told the court the single-

decker coach had twice pulled over on to the hard shoulder of the M5 due to a fuel supply problem. Despite travelling for less than a mile after joining the M5 near Halesowen, the 19-year-old coach broke down for a third time near a footbridge on a stretch of carriageway with no hard shoulder at 6.07am.

Several vehicles, including a crane and another lorry, were forced to take avoiding action before Mr Mapstone's lorry struck, travelling at 54mph, struck the stranded coach at 6.17am.

Relatives

Defence counsel Mr Raglan Ashton said that Dhesi was a hard-working family man who was trying to drive to the

nearby service station.
Relatives of Mr Mapstone were also at court to see Dhesi jailed.

Dhesi jailed.

Speaking after the hearing, Mr Mapstone's son-in-law,
Kai Markall, said: "The family would like to express their
thanks to all of the emergency services and those that
were involved on the day of this tragedy, who all worked tirelessly to minimise everyone's loss.

"Special thanks go to the family liaison officers who have helped provide the answers to all the painful questions we all wish to know when going through this

unimaginable pain.
"William, dad, grandad, Bill Mapstone, leaves behind a loving wife, four beautiful children who in turn provided him with 14 heartbroken grandchildren.

"The loss of life and pain felt by the Mapstone family can never be measured in the sentence passed.

"The family can only hope that from this tragedy

others will learn that your actions and choices in life can seriously affect others." Giving a message to other drivers, Mr Markall added: "If in trouble, call for help. Better to be late than to never arrive.

"Hopefully today is closure for the family but please

feel our pain. Please share our loss. Drive safely, arrive

Commenting after the case, Rukshsana Mohammed, from West Midlands Crown Prosecution Service, said: from West Midlands Crown Prosecution Service, said: "Jasminder Dhesi was an experienced driver who was employed to ferry workers to a food packaging plant in Evesham, Worcestershire. It was his duty to ensure that the vehicle he was using was roadworthy and in a suitable condition to be used on the public road network. "Any prudent driver would have been aware that to continue driving a faulty vehicle on to the motorway was dangerous and instead they should have stopped and sought assistance. However, Dhesi made a grave decision to continue the journey."

Insp Mark Watkins, from the regional Collision Investigation Unit, saminder Dhesi made a fatal error when he took a coach full people onto the motorway

when he took a coach full people onto the motorway knowing there were serious mechanical faults on the

"His criminal error of judgement in going on to the M5 in thick fog led to the inevitable loss of two lives, caused a man to remain in hospital to this day, and left 39 others with injuries."

in brief

New library wins architecture

A £60 million new library has won a top international architectural award.

The Hive, in Worcester, has earned the prize for the best "new build" project from the Chartered Instifrom the Chartered Insti-tute of Building Services Engineers. The centre, developed by Worcester-shire County Council and the University of Worcester, opened in July Other buildings up for the award which recomised

award, which recognised good practice and renewable technologies, including the Titanic centre, Belfast, and Gardens by the Bay, Singa

The best beard contest brewing

A DUDLEY brewery is running a competition to find the best beard or mous-tache in the region to feature as the symbol for a new beer it is planning for 2014.

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Outdoor activity prices set to rise

PARENTS in Dudley will have to pay more to send their children to an outdoor activities centre und-er council plans to meet rising food and fuel bills.

tood and fuel bills.

Council bosses are looking to increase charges above the rate of inflation for the Astley Burf Outdoor Centre, near Stourport. Among the proposed rise is the summer activity week in summer going from £270 to £275.

Crafty sessions at glass museum

NEW children's craft classes will be held at Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford, It is launching monthly ses-sions for eight to 14-year-olds

Parents need to complete a consent form in advance. The classes run from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and cost £5.25. The next one is on March 9. Call 01384 815571 for details.

An elegant talk

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship will hear Sandy Cale talk about Elegant Georgian Worces-ter at 8pm on March 12 at St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley.

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Care home is failing to hit standards, says study

essential standards for its residents – despite healthcare inspectors ordering improvements to be made, according to a

new report.

Coach House Nursing Home in Broome, near Stourbridge, was told to improve in five key areas following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission in June last year.

But an unannounced visit by the body in December found the home was only meeting

December found the home was only meeting one of the highlighted essential standards, and failing the other four.

A CQC report reveals that inspectors found the home had failed to ensure people received safe and appropriate care that met their needs and rights and that people were not given medicines they needed when they needed them.

Other problem areas related to staff not being probably trained and supervised and a lack of quality checking systems in place.

A spokesman for the home, who did not want to be named, said improvements had

want to be named, said improvements had been made since the latest inspection. "We have moved forward since this," he

Worcestershire County Council's director Worcestershire County Council's director of adult and community services, Eddie Clarke, said: "We work closely with, and support, care providers and have processes in place to bring about improvements in services as necessary. The county council is working closely with this provider to bring about the necessary improvements."

Students' rough night

FOUR apprenticeship students will spend a night under the stars as they sleep rough to support the work of the YMCA. Its Sleep Easy takes place between 7pm and 7am in March at Warley Rugby Club, Oldbury. Halesowen College students Alison Tucker, Emma Ball, Mike Thomas and Matt Parker will be taking part after hearing a talk by a YMCA representive about raising money for youth homelessness.

Meowtorway adventure



Paddy the cat safely back with owner Steph Williams after travelling 160 miles under the bonnet of neighbour lan Westwater's van

A CAT used up one of its nine lives after surviving a 160-mile journey under the bonnet of a van.

The 11-month-old ginger tom called Paddy climbed into the body of the vehicle to shelter from snowy conditions.

onditions.

But before long he was on a twoand-a-half hour journey from
Rowley Regis to Hampshire, at
speeds of up to 70mph.

Courier Ian Westwater found the
cat, which had been missing from his
neighbour's house for two days,
while investigating a strange noise.

"I opened the bonnet and could
see the cat on a shelf by the wheel
arch. It was curled up, covered in oil
but it was alive and perfectly
healthy." Mr Westwater first travelled to Peartree Lane, Dudley, to
collect his cargo, and the journey in collect his cargo, and the journey in

his Mercedes Sprinter van then took him along the M5, M42, M40, A34 and finally the A303 before arriving in Andover, Hampshire, where the

in Andover, Hampshire, where the cat was found.

Mr Westwater was able to locate the owners – Steph Williams and Tony Weaver – by knocking on neighbours' doors when he returned to his home in Midhill Drive. They told him Paddy – born on St Patrick's Day – had been missing for two days. Mr Westwater, a 36-year-old father-of-one who runs Bellwest Transport Ltd, has been a courier for the past 18 years but said: "I would say it is probably up there with the most bizarre experiences."

Miss Williams, 22, said she was delighted to have her pet home safe and sound.

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Gazza not deserving of sympathy

AM I alone in absolutely having no sympathy whatsoever for the self through the rehab course at the Cotinflicted plight of Paul "Gazza" Gascoigne.

A once superbly talented footballer, supremely fit, he has degenerated into a shambling alcohol-fuelled wreck, of Gazza's aid as he did to the bar when fazza was paying for all they could rink.

As is usual in these sad cases, amall army of his former footballing friends have pledged to help him with the cost, of his \$9,000 per day rehabilitation, led by Gary Lineker and several other footballers together with DJ Chris Evans.

They have sworn to contribute as in the self support of the self through the rehab course at the Cotionwood Treatment Centre, Arizona. I wonder if his old drinking partner, affectionately known as Five Bellies, will rush with the same alacrity to Gazza was paying for all they could when another great football legend when another great football legend was stricken down with cancer, I donn with cancer, I donn when several other footballers together with DJ Chris Evans.

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They have sworn to contribute as several other football self support of the support of the self support of the support of the self support of the self support of the support of the self support of the support of th

There is no iustification for wasting

our money I NOTE the local electorate in Dudley borough have voted overwhelmingly against an increase in council tax levy. No doubt Dudley's coun-cillors now are looking for

cillors now are looking for areas where savings can be made.

areas where savings can be made.

I suggest two. Centro, who make a levy against all of the metropolitan boroughs in the West Midlands could have their precept cut significantly.

They recently wasted thousands changing every bus stop within the county.

The stops which were replaced were perfectly adequate. Then Dudley MBC embarked on a replacement of street name signs across the whole of the borough. In Halesowen they removed perfectly adequate, and readable signs. Can there be any justification for wasting our money in this way? ur money in this way?
PETER BRIDGENS
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Lansdowne Road Halesowen

LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Parking charges are ing town centres

I HAD to smile on the topic of the demise of town centres. Well you might ask why? Is it because we have to pay a fortune to park?

Some town centres are pedestrianised to keep vehicles

fortune to park?

Some town centres are pedestrianised to keep vehicles out, and a good job they are too. The cost of parking keeps going up every year. Folks like me stop going to town centres. This has a knock-on affect for shop owners, loss of trade, plus if you work in a town centre you too have to pay to park not a very attractive situation to be in to run a busi

to park not a very attractive situation to be in to run a business.

People take the soft option and choose shopping malls or supermarkets. Even were you are charged for using a supermarket are park you can get a refund on your shopping bill. It is an epidemic in parking charges. Councils are now in a position where they cannot reverse the charges, due to the revenue it produces, so the rot continues.

Don't councils get the message? My local town is Dudley, I've not shopped there for years.

I only go to the town hall.

J ELLIMAN

Balfour Road

Balfour Road Kingswinford

Shopping malls have had their day also

Re: why our town centres are in crisis. The answer was staring out from the page; the one showing the Merry Hill centre with shoppers walking in the dry and bright aisles, the other showing a wat and wind. showing a wet and wind-blown street in Wolver-hampton.

There is no contest when

There is no contest when you add the free parking with security staff patrolling the car parks, rather than wardens looking to fine anyone who overstays their welcome. I think we should also face the fact that all is not wall for the retail parks.

well for the retail parks either with large areas now

entrier with large areas now empty.

The town centres as we remember have had their day and the days of the ever expanding shopping malls could soon be a memory

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£68,000 budget is set to upgrade crematorium

spent on renovation work to upgrade Stourbridge Cremato-

Dudley Council plans to upgrade the

Dudley Council plans to upgrade the equipment and refurbish the chapel. The council's cabinet has agreed to set aside a budget of £68,000 for the improvement project at the site off South Road. A report by chief executive John Polychronakis says: 'An number of improvements are that the facility complies with legislative and technical requirement and meets customer expectations. "Improvement works are proposed to the cremators and the catafalque to bring them up to industry standards as well as other improvements to the chapel, which will increase standards of comfort and appearance for visitors."

ance for visitors."
Stourbridge Crematorium was opened in 1960 within the grounds of Stourbridge

The original chapel dates back more than

The original chapel dates back more than a hundred years.

In 2010 the crematorium was fitted with a new furnace. Security devices costing £25,000 were also fitted at the site after it was hit by a spate of vandalism and thefts. Last October, the council completed a £1million scheme to replace outdated facilities at Gornal Wood Cemetery and Crematorium, in Chase Road.

Pub is left empty again

A ONCE popular Kinver pub is again without a landlord – after the last one left after just a few weeks. Ashton Keating arrived last November after The Vine Inn had been closed for almost a year.

Just before Christmas he departed leaving

Just before Christmas he departed leaving the Dunsley Road pub empty again. Bob Clarke, of Jenks Avenue, said: "It's really sad to see it like that. It used to be a really popular place." In January 2010 brothers Mark and Darren Payton reopened it but left just before Christmas 2011 when a water leak closed it.

Slimline buses launched



Councillor Cath Hartley, vice chairman of Centro, and National Express general manager Steve Hale, celebrate investment in new buses which are part of the service for Russells Hall Hospital

EIGHT new buses connecting a hospital with two town centres have been launched as part of a £1.5 tomers to find and use it when million investment.

The National Express West Midlands buses will operate on the 222 route between Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley and Brierley Hill.

tal, Dudley and Brierley Hill.
The slimline vehicles are designed
to make manoeuvring around
housing estates easier and quicker.
They feature new technology,
including announcements to alert
passengers with visual and hearing
impairments where the bus will be
stopping next. The 222 service will

tomers to find and use it when making regular journeys to hospital appointments. The vehicles mark the start of a larger £10 million investment programme between National Express West Midlands and transport authority Centro.

Centro is also installing new shelters and more real-time information displays along the route. The work is being funded from a £10m scheme to improve services in the region. Westfield, owner of Merry Hill shopping centre, has put in £1.5m.

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nager Kerry Jones, winner Pauline Tromans and Andy Harris, key account manager

A HUSBAND and wife from Halesowen have won the trip of A HUSBAND and wife from Halesowen have won the trip of a lifetime in a free prize draw at their local travel agents. Pauline and Michael Tromans won the four-night break in Dubai after entering the competition at Midcounties Cooperative Travel, Hagley Street.

Mrs Tromans, a retired Open University administrator, found out about the win just a few days before her 70th birthday.

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She said: "What a great early birthday present, I could not believe it. I have never won anything like this before.

"Dubai is a place I have always fancied seeing because people say how lovely it is.

"I saw the form and thought I would have a go but I never thought I would win. We are really looking forward to a memorable trip."

The competition was run throughout 54 branches of the travel agent and Halesowen Manager Kerry Jones said she was delighted the couple had won.

She added: "Pauline and Michael have been booking their holidays with us for four or five years now and we're so happy for them. We hope they have a great time."

Charity concert cancelled

A CHARITY concert, which would have included songs from West End shows and was due to be staged in Stourbridge has been cancelled because of poor ticket sales. Performers from Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company were staging the production, called A Grand Night for Singing 1997.

were staging the production, called A Grain Night for Singing.

The show was due to be held at Stourbridge Town Hall, off Market Street, on February 28, starting at 7.30pm.
Organiser Irene Layton MBE, confirmed that the performance had now been cancelled due to "poor ticket sales" for the

Emergency crews bill for overtime is

up nearly four weeks of overtime a year as demand on the emergency service continues

to grow, new figures show.

West Midland Ambulance Service's 4,000 workers recorded a total of 554,705 hours in overtime last year – about 139 hours a year each. The staff get paid one-and-ahalf times their hourly rate for the overtime, equating to around £3 million over a working for an emergen

year.

More than 90 per cent of the extra hours was shared between clinical workers including paramedics and call centre operators.

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The figures, obtained by a Freedom of Information Act showed that Freedom of Information Act request, showed that December and January was by far the busiest time for staff taking overtime. Chief executive Anthony Marsh said the service has faced an increase in call-outs compared with previous years.

years.

Over the festive period, the service was forced to cancel training of some staff and non-essential meetings. Help was also sought from St John Ambulance, which

is employed on a commercial contract to assist para-

medics.

John Hawker, spokesman
for the service, said: "Overtime is a necessary part of

working for an emergency service due to the unpre-dictable nature of the work.

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Around 21 per cent of the overtime that took place was in the two busiest months of the year, December and January.

The trust uses overtime to ensure it is able to continue to provide a safe and efficient operators.

cient emergency ambulance

He said planned overtime was set up during periods of high demand, during bad weather or to cover sickness.

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Ray Salmon, regional
organiser for Unison in the
West Midlands, said: "The
amount of overtime
expected gets a mixed reception from staff – some are fed
up, some people just see it as
part of their job.
"It is one of the most diffi-

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Plans lodged to change **Legion club into homes**

Proposals have been submitted to turn a fire-ravaged, former British Legion Club in Blackheath which had lain empty for years into new

Nomes.

Dwindling membership of Blackheath and Rowley Regis forced the 90-year-old branch to close the club in Powke Lane in November 2011 and the remaining members had to relocate to the Robert Peel Pub in Rowley

Regis.
Under the plans submitted by developer John Newall the large building will be turned into three two bedroom flats and a single one bedroom flat with parking for residents at the rear.

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In a report to planning chiefs at Sandwell council the developer said: "The building is now in need of renovation and would greatly benefit from approval.
"It is thought that due to the current climate and closing of so many similar facilities, the chances of the building reopening as a Licensed House is very unlikely.
"So granting permission will ensure the continued use of this building," The building, still owned by the club, was nearly lost six years ago after a fire ripped through the building gutting it and leaving the club with a hard battle for survival ahead them.

The branch declined to comment on the proposals for the flats or the sale of the building. It is still involved in remembrance day parades and other local events.

It holds its meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Robert Peel at 8pm.

Jail term for phone theft

A MAN has been given a suspended sentence A MAN has been given a suspended sentence for stealing a woman's mobile phone at Dudley Bus Station. Philip Hindmarsh, aged 24, of New Street, Dudley admitted robbing the woman at Dudley bus station at 11.30pm on November 13, At Wolverhampton Crown Court he was given a year's jail, suspended for two years, a four-month curfew, 18 months supervision and he must pay, £300 compensationwith £80 victim surcharge.

Picking up the prayers



iest Paul Harrison, the Bishop of Dudley the Rt Rev David Walker and Reverend Diane Cooksey collect prayers for Lent

THE Bishop of Dudley was out in Stourbridge meeting shoppers and collecting prayers. The Rt Rev David Walker chatted

The Rt Rev David water character to shoppers and asked for written prayer requests in the town centre. Senior church leaders toured the area to mark Ash Wednesday and also stopped in Bromsgrove and Warrester

also stopped in Bromsgrove and Worcester.

The Bishop said: "We know that people really appreciate somebody offering to say a prayer for them. In the past we have collected over 120 prayer requests in two hours in one location.

"We'll be collecting prayers for

whatever concerns the people we meet and we believe that prayer can make a real difference."
The scheme called Pray One for Me is a national initiative inspired by the Bishop of Worcester. On Ash Wednesday 2009, Bishop John col-lected prayers outside the Job Centre in Redditch.

Centre in Redditch.

The aim was to help those who had been most badly affected by the economic downturn.

In 2010 it became a national initiative and on February 22 many bishops in the Church of England will be collecting prayer requests in towns and cities across the country.





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Steven Grosvenor, who has eight years' experience advising multinational com-panies and individuals on UK immigration law, will be based at the firm's head office in Merry Hill, Brierley Hill.



wanted in connection with an assault that left a man needing 15 stitches.

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The 22-year-old victim was in Chicago's bar, Rye Market, Stourbridge, and suffered black eyes, cuts to the back of his head and severe swelling to his jaw.

Police hope someone may recognise the men in CCTV images from early on December 2. Detective Constable Martin Wynn said: "The victim had been in the bar with a friend a short time before he was assaulted. We know that he and his friend were deliberately antagonised by two other men inside the venue.

he and his friend were deliberately antagonised by two other men inside the venue.

"All four were asked to leave by security staff and it was just after the men had left the club that the attack happened at around 2am. I am keen to hear from anyone who either saw the assault or who recognises the two people in these images." Anyone with information is asked to call Force CID in Harborne on 101 or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



The other man wanted

New help on Two sought over attack Motorcyclist, 47, in death immigration Two sought over attack Motorcyclist, 47, in death immigration crash was over the limit

AN experienced motorcyclist was over the legal limit when he died after crashing into a wall, an inquest has heard.
Richard Garfield, aged 47, was riding a Honda CBR 600 when he lost control on a left-hand bend on the A458 just outside

left-hand bend on the A458 just outside Stourbridge.

He skidded across the junction with Wollaston Road and hit a boundary wall where he suffered serious injuries to his chest and head. He was pronounced dead at the scene. At an inquest at Cannock Coroner's Court last week, South Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh was told Mr Garfield was recorded as over the alcohol drink drive limit after the incident, on August 12 last year. The level of alcohol in his blood was also above the drink drive limit. He was also above the drink drive limit. He was

found with 115mg in 100ml of blood. The limit is 80mg. Mr Haigh also heard from collision investigation officer Mark Mould that Mr Garfield was on the wrong side of the road. He said: "I think also his ability was officiated by the consumption of alcohol"."

road. He said: "I think also his ability was affected by the consumption of alcohol."

Mr Haigh, who ruled Mr Garfield's death accidental, also said he would write to the Highways Agency to ask the location of chevrons on the bend be looked at. Mr Garfield's wife Emma was at the hearing. She had been with the technical engineer for almost 25 years, but was separated.

Mr Garfield had lived in Landsdown Green, Kidderminster.

He was an experienced motorcyclist who

He was an experienced motorcyclist who had held a driving licence for nearly 30 years

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Van gift for charity



Hospice staff Dan Gilbert, Paul Robinson and Simon Henwood celebrate collecting the van from Mike Brown

STAFF at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice celebrated receiving a new van thanks to the backing of a Brierley Hill businessman.

Mike Brown, who owns Dreamland Bedding Centre, in MIRE Brown, Who owns Dreamland Bedding Centre, in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, has always dug deep to support the hospice. His latest gesture has been to buy a Ford Transit for the hospice to use as part of its house clearance service.

service.

Cash raised through delivery charges paid by his customers has been given to the charity.

Hospice business manager Simon Henwood paid tribute to Mr Brown for his continued support and donations.

Businesses disrupted by a spate of power cuts

gym customers stopped in their tracks in a spate of power cuts on a Stourbridge indus-

Businesses on the Mill Race Lane estate, just off Stour-bridge ring road, have suffered at least three power cuts—each lasting several hours. Western Power Distribution has apolo-

nightmare," said Linda Hughes, receptionist at Body Wise gym, where dozens of members have had to be sent home or were unable to start their training sessions due to the loss of power.

"We had members in the gym, the lights all went out and, on Friday morning, we couldn't open our electric shutters because of a power cut the night before." Ben Claridge, supervisor at Kwik Fit, said: "We've had vehicles stuck on ramps, and

vehicles stuck on ramps, and it's cost us business, as well as inconveniencing our cus-

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lasting several hours. Western Power Distribution has apologised to the companies affected and pledged it is doing its best to repair an "intermittent fault" in an underground cable that is causing a sub-station fuse to keep blowing.

But the power company warned there may be further cuts as engineers try to deliberately cause the fuse to blow in an effort to discover the cause of the problem.

"It's been an absolute nightmare," said Linda Hughes, receptionist at Body said: "We had vehicles stuck tomers." Philip Battin, managing director of Tile Trend, said: "The disruption has been enormous – and I am now putting together a claim against Western Power Distribution because it's stopped our business.

"We haven't even been able to get the roller shutters up

At Kwik Fit, Mr Claridge said: "We had vehicles stuck

said: "We had vehicles stuck up on ramps and missed out on quite a lot of business. Customers who needed their vehicles were inconvenienced."

Mr Claridge and other companies affected had been speculating that work on the town's new Tesco at the Crown Centre could have caused the cuts but Jocelyn Honeywood, spokesman for Western Power Distribution, said: "We do not believe the fault has anything to do with said: "We do not believe the fault has anything to do with the work on Tesco."



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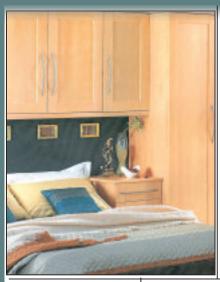
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Hall murals will honour famous sons from town

MURALS honouring two of Hale-sowen's most famous sons will be

painted in the town's Cornbow Hall.

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They will pay tribute to poet William
Shenstone, who designed The Leasowes
park, and novelist Francis Brett Young.
Dudley artist Steve Field has been asked
to design a two-part mural for the main
activity room at the hall.
It will be unveiled in 2014 - a significant
aniversary year for both of the writers.
An art gallery will also be created in the
theatre foyers as part of the work and will be
used by local artists and art groups.

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Councillor David Vickers, who represents Halesowen South, has welcomed the project. "There are very important people in Halesowen's history. Next year will be the 300th anniversary of William Shenstone's birth and the 130th anniversary of the birth of Francis Brett Young and also the 60th anniversary of his death.

"Cornbow Hall is the best used hall in the borough. There are 70 different groups which meet there so the artwork will be seen by a lot of people.

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"The art gallery will also be in demand and it's a great way to recognise the achievements of both men."

Funding for the work has come from a Section 106 agreement, which developers agree to pay to the council for public artwork as a condition of planning permission. It is estimated £6,000 will be spent on each mural including materials and installation. Brett Young set much of his work in local areas such as Halesowen, Dudley and Birmingham.

Songs from the shows

HAGLEY Theatre Group is presenting Any-thing Can Happen at the community centre on March 1 and 2. The performance will in-clude songs by the adult and youth sections from stage and film musicals. Tickets cost £8, with £6 concessions, and are available from Paddocks Butchers or by phoning 07907 457217.

Trainee books her study



A TRAINEE keeper at Dudley Zoo is looking to boost her knowledge of animal care on a two-year study diploma. Johanna Turner is study-ing management of zoo and aquar-ium animals alongside her work at

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Aay Wooldridge and Heike Palmer, both seven, enjoy the new crazy golf course at Quest, Merry Hill

SCHOOLCHILDREN joined a crazy golf champion to launch Merry Hill shopping centre's indoor urban golf

The nine-hole adventure course at the Dudley mall was opened by youngsters from St James's Primary School, Wollaston, Stourbridge, and Chris Harding just in time for the school half-term.

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Launching at the same time is Quest's rope course designed for children under seven. There is already an aerial ropes course for adults at one corner of the centre, which at 55ft is the highest anywhere in Europe.

Mark Knox, manager at Quest Merry Hill, said: "The Quest adventure golf course and Sky Tykes ropes are perfect for parents looking to do something a little different with the kids this February half term.

"We're looking forward to seeing how many daredevils we have trying out our course over the school holiday."

Quest operators, Paragon Entertainment have also built a Nerf blaster indoor zone outside the centre, on the site of the now removed ice rink.

So far, 30 jobs have been created at the site, which will cost £1.2million once completed. Meanwhile, staff at Merry Hill will be offering a host of half-term activities, including Bob the Builder and Katy Ashworth from the Cbeebies I Can Cook show.

Going crazy for golf Mother dies from injuries suffered in fall off horse

falling from a horse, an inquest heard.

Sedgley hairdresser Sharon Dodd, aged 39, was riding a friend's horse along a track behind Himley Cricket Club when she lost control of her mount. She fell from the horse, called Max, and suffered a serious head injury, despite wearing a well-fitted helmet. At Cannock Coroner's Court,

wearing a well-fitted helmet. At Cannock Coroner's Cour South Staffordshire Coroner Andrew Haigh ruled her death had been a tragic accident, as devastated relatives paid tributes.

Mr Haigh ruled the main factor behind her fall was losing control of the horse. However, a loose stirrup and a knee problem she suffered with had also contributed, he added.

After the inquest, Mrs

with had also contributed,
After the inquest, Mrs
Dodd's husband Andrew,
aged 42, said: "Her death
devastated everyone who
knew her. It was so tragic she
died from doing something
she loved."
The couple lived together
in Waterdale, Wombourne,
and had two sons Ben, aged
19, and Max, seven.
Mrs Dodd, who worked at
Sarah Clarke Hair and
Beauty Studio, Sedgley,
spent four days in intensive
care at Queen Elizabeth
Hospital in Birmingham but
died during surgery to died during surgery to relieve pressure to her head on November 22.

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Mr Dodd added: "Sharon

Mr Dodd added: "Sharon was very popular and much loved. She was a fun-loving woman who was very family orientated.

"It's coming up to three months since she died, and it seems to have gone on for ever. It's been so hard, not just for me, but for her sons too. Christmas just was not the same.

"Now we have the challenge of moving on, the inquest has offered us closure on the matter."

Detective Constable Adam Yates, who led the police investigation following Mrs Dodd's death, told the hearing she had rode the horse after meeting his owner at stables in Himley with a view to helping her look after the animal.

After riding the horse in the menage under the observation of the owner, she started walking the horse along a track back to its field.



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Testament to the two-wheelers



Don Higham sets off for work on his 1925 Royal Enfield in September 1976

PETER Bidmead reckoned he was born with two stroke motorcycle fuel in his blood.

Not only had he a collection of vintage motor bikes, but each day he travelled the 20 miles to his works at Burton-on-Trent on his 20-year-old 1,000cc Ariel Square Four com-

20-year-old 1,000cc Ariel Square Four combination.

"I just get a tremendous amount of enjoyment riding a bike. I suppose it's in the blood," said works manager Peter, of Mersey Road, Rugeley, in April 1978.

To pass on his knowledge of bikes, Peter taught youngsters how to ride in an RAC/ACU motorcycle course at Fair Oak School, Rugeley.

Supplying

A search through the archives of the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, revealed many photographs about people and their two-wheeled modes of transport.

Securicor guards Harry Pritchard and Jack Ward took possession of electric powered mopeds in December 1973, a time of great worry about fuel prices.

A Brierley Hill factory was supplying what were claimed to be the first electric-powered mopeds in Britain. No petrol, no

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pollution and virtually noise free – that is the claim for the two-wheeled vehicles made by factory manager Colin Shaw, of Solo

by factory manager Colin Shaw, of Solo Power Equipment.

The story said the first hundred mopeds, which could do p to 25 miles before recharging, had already been bought by Securicor.

In 1967 Walter Edge was found outside his home in Hill Avenue, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton, proudly astride his 1928 long-stroke Sunbeam that he used daily.

Don Higham, of Aldridge, was pictured setting off for work on his 1925 Royal Enfield in September 1976. The Walsall recreation department landscape officer had bought it for £30 and spent five years restoring it. restoring it.

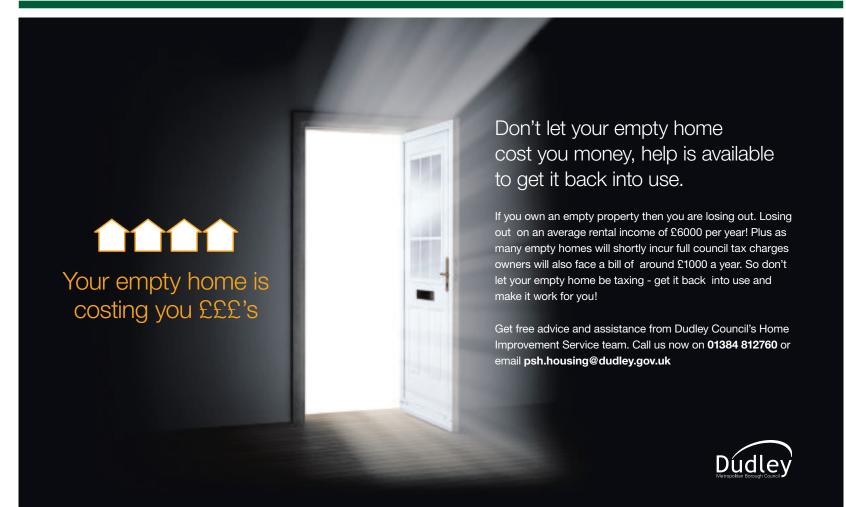
Mark Wells and Paul Handley, both aged

Mark Wells and Paul Handley, both aged 16, were among Wednesbury mods saying "don't blame us" after complaints about motorcycle gangs which were said to be terrorising people on estates in October 1983.

Paul, of Kent Road, Woods estate, said: "It's ridiculous to say our bikes are high speed. My scooter's top speed is only 25mph."



"Don't blame us" – Mark Wells, left, and Paul Handley



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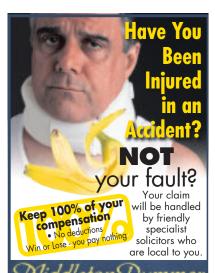
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Families will struggle for the next decade warning

see a return to pre-recession standards of living for another decade, a think-tank has warned.

The Resolution Foundation said many low-to-middle-income households would never fully recover the ground they lost because of the prolonged economic down-

Even if typical earnings for such families were to rise by 1.1 per cent a year, the report calculated that would take until 2023 before they recovered to £22,000 a year at current prices – the equivalent of where they stood in real terms in 2008.

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Without the prolonged downturn, the report estimates that typical earnings could now be expected to stand at £27,500 a year.
However, to reach that level over the next decade would require real terms growth of 3.3 per cent-a-year – a figure the report described as "unattainable" based on current forecasts and past experience.
The report defines low and middle income households as being of working age and relying primarily on their own earned resources but with incomes below the median for the UK.
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In practice, it means couples without children living on a joint income of between £12,000 and £30,000 or between £17,000 and £41,000 for a couple with two children. On average this group has seen a 2.4 per cent cut in real incomes since 2009-10, and the report calculated that it would now take 22 years for such households to save for an average deposit on a first time buyer property.

Topping out ceremony

A TOPPING out ceremony has been held in the development of a an £18 million leisure and health centre in Sandwell. The ceremony was held last week at the site of Portway Lifestyle Centre in Oldbury. The venue will bring together leisure, health and social care under one roof. It will offer people access to sport, leisure and health facilities.

Restoration for memorial



Front from St Michael's Secondary School, Rowley Regis are Josh Slaney and back, from left, Charlotte Sankey and Chloe Clifford with councillors and volunteers who have been helping to restore the war memorial at St Giles' Church in Hanover Road

A WEATHERED war memorial

A WEATHERED war memorial commemorating Rowley Village's ward dead will be restored.

St Giles' war memorial in Hanover Road, Rowley Regis is badly eroded and needs work to restore names of those who lost their lives during World War I.

A group formed by vicar Rev Ian Shelton, Sandwell Council and church wardens are committed to restore the memorial, preserving

restore the memorial, preserving names on granite slabs.

Councillor Barbara Price, who Councillor Barbara Frice, who has helped get funding for work, said: "It is so important to honour the names of these young men, some who were barely out of their teens, who lost their lives nearly 100 years are."

ago."
Rev Shelton said: "It will honour not only those locally who bravely served their country in the past, but those who today, and in the future give their lives so we might live in liberty and freedom."





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ADOPTED Midlander Alys Fowler was almost predestined

ADOPTED Midlander Alys Fowler was almost predestined to spend her working life growing, eating or talking about gardening in general and vegetables in particular. During her childhood in Silchester, Hampshire she was inspired by her mother who lived the good life.

"It all started when I was a kid, my mum is just an amazing gardener so it was a natural progression I suppose. I grew up in the garden with her and by the time I was 16 I just thought I would go off and train as a horticulturist. It has never occurred to me do anything else."

Alys, now aged 34, trained at Wisley, the RHS head training ground in Surrey. From there she moved across the pond to the New York Botanic Gardens and then went on to do a three year diploma at Kew gardens topping it all off with a masters. It was while living and studying in the Big Apple, the author and TV presenter became involved in a movement which allowed locals to grow their own plants and food. "The NY botanic gardens are in the Bronx and I lived in the lower east side of Manhattan where all the committed the committed and the commit

ALYS FOWLER

Alys is a successful author

Manhattan where all the community gardens are famously based.

"The one I worked on didn't grow food, you just have to imagine if you live in lower Manhattan there is one tiny park and nobody has any garden, so when you have no community space whatsoever you have to join a community garden. So it was more out of necessity was more out of necessity they were born." This adapting to your sur-

roundings is a something Alys believes in deeply and has spent a great deal of time and energy writing about



Expert Alys Fowler has a passion for vegetables

er experience in her Guardian newspaper column and through several books.

"The in the city, in south Birmingham so it kind of makes sense to talk and write about the thing you are doing which is living in a terraced house in a typical street, with a typical back garden and then try to fulfil my smallholding dreams

in the city."

Just like her garden, Alys seems to have been planted where she could blossom and while she speaks of the Second City, which has become her home, with great affection it wasn't her original intention to become an "honorary" Brummie.

"I ended up in the midlands by mistake, but I liked it so

much I stayed. I came up for a job at BBC Birmingham and I thought I would come for six months max. I told everyone don't worry I'm only going to Birmingham for six months but six months turned into six years. I love Birmingham, I think it's an amazing city. It's a bit of a hidden gem which I know most people don't go around saying that about Birmingham. It's got a really astonishing outlook as a city in that there's a really good strong sense of community, people are really friendly; people are really open."

"The thing about Birmingham is it's quite a spread out city. There are a lot of allotments, and so many people have their own back gardens. I suppose the issue here is really to get people to utilise their own back gardens rather than

get people to utilise their own back gardens rather than create community spaces, because if you get on a train from the city centre and head out you will see 101 back gardens

with nothing more than a trampoline or a chair in them.
"So I think there's a resource there that can always be used, it's not necessarily always about creating new

Enjoyable

Alys also wants everyone to get to know the obvious profits of growing your own as well as the knock-on health

Alys also wants everyone to get to know the opvous profits of growing your own as well as the knock-on health benefits.

"I think it's an amazingly, enjoyable thing to grow your own food. You get really healthy - probably organic, if you choose to go down that road - food at a reasonably good price. You put in a lot of hours to get it. It's not like it's "free", you have to work really hard but while you're working really hard, you are outside enjoying nature, getting fit, doing something that's genuinely pleasurable. "Growing food is a really lovely thing to do and you get to meet other people who are likeminded."

Her enthusiasm for what she does is infectious and she wants to pass on that passion to others.

"I have never met someone who once they have got bitten by the bug has turned around and gone 'nah I don't get this'. You have that one early success, maybe it's growing a basil plant, or you chuck a potato in the ground and eight weeks later you get 10. Whatever it is you get that tiny, early success and you just get bitten and you get it, and I guess it's getting people to have a go at that early success that really matters." Now Alys is among the newest recruits to one of the biggest and fastest growing horticultural shows around, the Edible Garden Show which is now in its third



Alvs is one of the newest recruits to the show

year and dedicated to the very practises she is so passionate

"There have been a lot of horticultural shows but they "There have been a lot of horticultural shows but they haven't really been aimed at the ordinary grower, they tend to be old school, show your big veg type shows or they've been like Chelsea which is aimed at really a different kind of gardening. So it's really exciting to go to a show where there are so many different things, products to learn about and people to hear talk and meet your fellow growers.

"You spend all your time on your allotment working and so there is this time in the year where you can get to meet everyone else."

everyone else."

Alys will be there over the three days giving two talks a day on growing vegetables but her basic advice to anyone thinking of getting the gardening bug is simple "Start small and grow with your garden, don't try to dig up the whole place. Do it bit by bit and learn to grow with the space. The number one rule with designing is you have to make sure your plants fit the space, or else you are on a ride to nowhere. That's what kind of hard to dissuade people, they have a nice idea in their head that they want reses and issume and what not and they've are completely es and jasmine and whatnot and they've got completely the wrong space for that.
"Once you learn to love your soil and learn to love it for

"Once you learn to love your soil and learn to love vie tor what it is and not try and change it like some bad boyfriend, you can find you can grow all sorts of good things." Alys will be giving advice, tips and information along with a host of other experts at The Edible Garden Show, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire from March 15-17. For more information about the show visit www.theediblegardenshow.co.uk.



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CLUB NEWS

WI guest Historian gives reel proves a glass act insight into cinemas

BILBROOK WI

FOLLOWING the usual business, president Julie Hammersley introduced the speaker for the February meeting, Cas Bailey. Cas had visited before to

meeting, Cas Bailey.

Cas had visited before to talk about her life during her 32 years in the police force. This talk, "Cuffs to Glass", was about what came after she had retired.

Looking for something completely different and challenging to do she noticed a magazine advert for a 12-month course in glass techniques at Dudley College.

Classes were held in a disused glass factory in Brieriey Hill. There were 12 students in her class ranging in age from their 20 to 60bs.

Cas enjoyed her time there so much that she enrolled and completed a second year course.

After two years at college.

completed a second year course.

After two years at college, Cas rented a studio workshop and started a small business. When the studio was sold, Cas had to look for new premises. She bought a new house and had a log house built in the garden for a workshop.

Cas explained the various techniques and brought some beautiful samples of her work. She can now be found selling her creations and taking commissions at Shugborough on crafts days.

Win Poulton gave a vote of thanks and te evening was

thanks and te evening was rounded off with the raffle

rounded off with the raffle and refreshments.
The AGM will be on Tuesday, March 12 at the village hall, Joey's Lane at 7.30pm.



Historian Ned Williams addressed the meeting

COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch of the THE Kingswinford branch of the Black Country Society met at St Mary's Church Hall on January 16 when historian Ned Williams was the speaker. He is a member and past president of the society.

Ned was born in Ilford, Essex but has lived in the Black Country since 1962. He taught at Wulfrun College for 30 years and then for 10 years with

for 30 years and then for 10 years with the Workers Educational Association.

the Workers Educational Association. A prolific writer, he now has 48 books to his name, the most recent nones being Black Country Cinemas and Black Country Theatres. His illustrated talk was of cinemas and entertainment in the Black Country. He gave a fascinating talk about cinemas no longer with us and explained that the buildings are often now used for other purposes such as bingo halls and warehouses. Many of them still retain the art deco styles them still retain the art deco styles

He spoke about theatres including He spoke about theatres including the now defunct Dudley Hippodrome. Ned also talked about early travelling players, circuses and fairgrounds and famous people who ran them events – Pat Collins being one. The chairman thanked Ned for his talk and coffee was served.

Perils of public speaking

opened by chairman Brenda White, who conducted the

business Due to the closure of Mellish Townswomen's Guild, some of their members joined with the Central Guild who were very

CENTRAL TG

happy to welcome them. Speaker for the evening was Pamela Wheat, who gave an interesting talk on the "Perils of Public Speaking".

The next date for members will be the Annual General Meeting, taking place at 7pm on Tuesday, March 5 in the Mellish Room at Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall. This will include a bring

NEWS

Guru helps bring tale of Desert Rat to life

A WAR veteran's story has been brought to book by a millionaire advertising guru.

Alex Franks, an honorary member of Hednesford branch of the Staffordshire Regimental Associa-tion, was an ambulance driver with the 7th Armoured Division, The the 7th Armoured Division, The Desert Rats. He experienced every major battle of the North African Campaign from his indestructible Morris commercial 'Blood Tub' as it was known.

Now aged 93, his story has been published by Trevor Beattle, who has funded trips to the French battlefields for association veterans.

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The group hosted a book signing at its base in Anglesey Street which was attended by Mr Beattie, a former Wolverhampton Polytechnic

graduate.

He said: "Alex is a rare breed of hero and a born survivor. It's an incredibly powerful piece of work."

Dossier

Alex, who was brought up in Oldbury now lives in Wheaton Aston. The memoirs, called Noncombatant, were dictated by Alex to his old comrade-in-arms, the late Tom Swallow after the pair met up in 1987 for the first time since they were in a Russian concentration camp together.

Then the Staffordshire Regimental Association members sent them to Mr Beattie.

Alex, who later worked for Albright & Wilson in Oldbury, said: "I'd wanted my grandchildren to know the story but I didn't think it was good enough to be published."

The book took him a year to write. An initial run of 300 will sell for £20 each.



Alex Franks signs copies of his memoirs at Hednesford Old Soldiers Club



The former Desert Rat with his book



Alex Franks at the age of 21 in 1941



Alex Franks and Trevor Beattie with war veterans and guests at the launch





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THE WAY I SEE IT

Cameron has played his role in cutting down EU budget

I WENT to St John's House to see Paul Maubach, Chief Exec-utive of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), for an introductory meet-

I was pleased to hear of the progress our local CCG has made since it replaced the Primary Care Trust.

I also raised with Paul out-I also raised with Paul out-of-date local NHS websites — providing information to my constituents — set-up by the former PCT. Paul assured me all infor-mation will be corrected and

we agreed residents can rightly expect to find comprehensive local information on NHS.UK via the postcode

Moving

It's good the CCG will shortly be moving into the Brierley Hill Health & Social Care Centre in Dudley South. I was delighted to visit Insight for Carers Service in Brierley Hill to help celebrate

Brierley Hill to help celebrate the charity's first anniversary of operating from Insight House on Pearson Street. Then I met Lynette Cut-ting, Principal of Stourbridge College, at the College's Brierley Hill campus for a briefing on the college's pro-posed takeover by Birming-ham Metropolitan College. I also held a busy constituency advice surgery at Wordsley library. library

In the Commons I "heartily congratulated" the

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Prime Minister on his return from the successful Euro-pean Union budget negotia-tions in Brussels.

What David Cameron has What David Cameron has achieved in cutting the EU's budget for the first time ever is truly historic and a superb achievement on behalf of all our taxpayers.

our taxpayers.

Having defied a three line whip to vote for a real terms reduction in the EU budget last October, I am particularly pleased my vote — and the collective view of the House of Commons — strengthened and reinforced the PM's negotiating position at the European Council where EU leaders settled the overall limit of EU spending for the next seven years.

Working with like-minded

Working with like-minded allies we have achieved our goal of cutting the amount Brussels can spend.

This is the first time ever these spending limits, or ceilings, have been cut. In every previous multi-year deal spending has gone up.

The spending calling is the

The spending ceiling is the limit on the European credit

card; it caps what the EU can

years.

Annual budgets have to come in under this limit and whereas annual budgets are agreed by a qualified majority, this seven-year limit is agreed by unanimity, which is why this negotiation was so important.

impor Framework

Under the last seven year framework, which runs out this year, this credit card limit was £816bn (at the current exchange rate).

This time the Commission.

This time the Commission, with the support of many other countries, wanted to increase it—to £855bn.

Instead, we have achieved an agreement that it will be cut — to £785bn. This is £69bn lower than originally proposed.

proposed.
Rather than increase the budget limit by £39bn, we have cut it by £30bn from the ceiling agreed by the last gov-

ernment.

If we had not agreed a seven-year deal, we would have had to operate under

emergency arrangements, which would be agreed by qualified majority voting. The new spending limit agreed is £52bn lower than what would apply under those emergency arrange-ments.

what would apply under those emergency arrangements.

Our aim was not simply to cut the credit card limit. We wanted to set the limit at a level that would deliver at best a cut in actual spending over the next seven years, and at worst a freeze. We have achieved a cut.

If you take the latest complete budget — the 2012 budget — and freeze spending at that level for the next seven years, you would have a spending limit of £806bn.

Of course, the budget set in 2012 — which Britain voted against — was in any case unacceptably large.

against — was in any case unacceptably large. The average of the last two

completed years, 2011 and 2012, is a tougher measure-

ment.

The agreement we have now achieved means, even if the EU spending goes right up to the maximum limit, spending would have to be below even that stricter level.

This also means the EU's seven-year budget will for the first time cost less than one per cent of the EU's gross national income.

national income.

The deal — the Multiannual Financial Framework —

nual Financial Framework— also decided how the money for the budget should be raised. As usual, there were attempts to undermine the rebate. The PM rejected them. The rebate is wholly intact and uncompromised.

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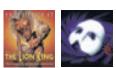
















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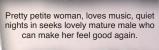


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in face of cash cutbacks

£2.8m in 2013/14, which may mean cuts to children's centre budgets.

Councillor Tim Crumpton said changes would need to be made to help centres save money and could not rule out redundancies or closures. A consultation is now due to take place. One way the council is looking to save money is by reducing management costs. At

A GRANT used for funding children's centres in Dudley has been cut by the Government, sparking fears over their future. There are 20 centres across the borough offering support and activities for youngsters and their parents.

Dudley Council received a grant of £13.2million in 2012/13, of which £6m was used to fund the services last year but the Early Intervention Grant will be cut by \$2.8m in 2013/14, which may mean cuts to present 15 of the centres are run by schools and the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was also from than one centre. "These centres are run by schools and the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was looking at changing the management system which could see one manager being in charge of more than one centre. "These centres are run by schools and the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the author-town was considered from the other five was considered from present 10 of the centres are run by schools and the other five by an outside organisation. Councillor Crumpton said the authority was looking at changing the management system which could see one manager being in charge of more than one centre. "These centres are extremely important but we've got to face these massive funding cuts."

"We are looking at what we can do - can we provide other services there such as health services. I can't say we won't lose somebody in the centres or any of the centres." Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of the

council Tory opposition group, said he was against any changes to the centres and wanted them to be continued to be run in the

Fears for childrens' sites New chairman's challenge

THE new chairman of Lye Community Association is facing his first challenge - revitalising the town's community centre.

Abdul Qadus, aged 55, has just been elected chairman of the association and is now on the hunt for help and funds to redecorate the building on Crosswalks Road.

Mr Qadus, a former Lye and Wollescote ward councillor, said: "It has not been redecorated for about five years or so and needs some painting and varnishing mainly."

The Community Payback Scheme, which runs community service placements for

The Community Fayback Scheme, which runs community service placements for those serving criminal sentences, has offered the labour but now Mr Qadus needs to find an estimated £600 for materials. He hopes a few local businesses might step up and offer a helping hand.

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He said: "It's a beautiful community centre and was built in the late 1960s. "It's well-used by groups, including the Active Age group, disabled learning and English for speakers of other languages. I'm determined to get the centre more widely used by the community."

determined to get the centre more widely used by the community and groups from outside the community as well, the churches and mosques, too."

Mr Qadus is also looking for six people who might be able to give some of their time as trustees for the community centre.

The community centre, in Claycroft, Lye, was closed for a short period in 2010 due to a rat infestation. The community group's AGM will be held next month. Mr Qadus said a date for the meeting would be consaid a date for the meeting would be confirmed in the coming weeks. He said he hoped to discuss how to encourage the wider community to use the centre.



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Club set to declare pavilion work over



FINISHING touches are being made to the refurbishment of an 88-year-old cricket pavilion, heralding a new dawn for Stourbridge Cricket Club, which secured more than \$42,000 of grants to fund the restoration.

Work at the War Memorial Athletic Ground has seen the

transformation of the pavilion to coincide with success on the field for the club, which plays in the Birmingham and

the field for the club, which plays in the Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League.

Wooden flooring has been replaced. Work has also been carried out on new drainage systems, the umpires' changing room, ceilings and toilets.

Stourbridge MP Margot James helped with the final funding push for the urgent refurbishment of its changing rooms and shower area. She visited the club to meet chairman Harilal Patel, who thanked her for her efforts.

He said: "It was very important that we obtained the funding in order to keep the traditional pavilion up to standard, which will be of great benefit to local young people in

the future."

The club secured grants from Sport England's Places People Play Inspired Facilities Fund, the Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and Dudley Council's Stourbridge Area Committee together with contributions from ADS Supply Ltd and HS Richards Ltd.

Vandal-haunt garage is finally demolished

AN eyesore garage that had become a haven for vandalism and anti-social behaviour has been demolished to make way for a shop and homes following years of calls by residents

Bulldozers have cleared the disused site, in Upper Church Buildozers have cleared the disused site, in Upper Church Lane, Tipton, and construction has started on a three-storey building with a shop on the ground floor and homes above. Sandwell Council had petitioned owners of the garage to take action following complaints the disused site was being used for drug taking and anti-social behaviour.

Residents, police and firefighters had expressed concerns that the application of the control of th

about the problem as vandals continually broke fences to get in to the garage to start fires.

Council Officials said the site had been empty for around six years and the owners had co-operated with redevelop-

Γipton town Councillor Jo Hadley said: "It was an eyesore

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Testament pop musical has become.
First conceived by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber more than 40 years ago, its popularity does not decline and it could lay claim to being the nation's favourite musical.
This latest touring production from Bill Kenwright goes all out to please, the songs come slick and fast – mostly parodies from country music to Elvis Presley and Parisian chanson – delivered by an energetic cast.

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It tells the Book of Genesis tale of how favourite son Joseph is sold into slavery by his 11 jealous brothers, ends up in Egypt where, after a spell in jail, he becomes the pharoah's right hand man and is finally reconciled with those sinful siblings and reunited with his father.

Keith Jack runnersum in

father.

Keith Jack, runner-up in the TV search for Joseph, is a charismatic leading man with a smile that lit up the theatre and delivered his big number, Any Dream Will Do, at least three times. He had excellent support from Lauren support from Lauren Ingram as the Narrator.

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Ingram as the Narrator.
The night ended with a crowd-pleasing Joseph megamix for which the Grand audience were encouraged to get out of their seats and dance.

Leon Burakowski

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Among performers preparing for curtain-up on the musical is Sophie Bould, a former member of South Staffs

musical is Sophie Bould, a former member of South Staffs
Musical Theatre Company who is now a professional actor.
The former pupil of St Dominic's School, in Brewood,
previously wowed West End audiences playing Liesl in The
Sound of Music after first walking the boards at the Grand.
Now aged 31, she said: "I was eight when the theatre
company were performing South Pacific and they needed a
youngster to play a little
French girl.

My mum Veronica was
with the company. I was at
the Grand Theatre for a
week and I was bitten by the

week and I was bitten by the bug."

Sinatra

Well Did You Evah and True Love are two of the most famous songs from High Society, which will feature Sophie alongside Daniel Boys and former Robin of Sher-wood Michael Praed. The Cole Porter musical was a 1956 film with Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong. That was itself based on play

Crosby and Louis Armstrong. That was itself based on play The Philadelphia Story, made into a 1940 film with Katherne Hepburn, Cary Grand and James Stewart.
High Society is at the Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, then at Birmingham Hippodrome from May 14 to 18.



Acrobatic action at The Moscow State Circus, coming to Wolverhampton Civic Hall

Circus and Disney fun

ICONS of Russian and American popular culture are coming to the West Mid-lands to entertain families.

lands to entertain families.

Disney On Ice returned to Birmingham's LG Arena yesterday (Wednesday) for a five-day run of their new extravaganza Let's Party.

A medley of festivals from around the world, it is hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse and features favourites from such movies as Lilo & Stich and Toy Story, plus an array of Disney Princesses and Villains.

Legend

Then next week the

Then next week the Moscow State Circus rolls into Wolverhampton, swapping a big top for the Civic Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26 and 27, for a show based on a Russian legend.

Babushkin Sekret concerns a search for a chair containing treasure. The story will involve performances by high-wire artists, acrobats, jugglers and clowns.

Serious injury, sudden severe

illness or medical emergency

Love ballads and Valentine lingerie

Nerina Pallot Glee Club, Birmingham

IN between regaling the packed Glee Club audience with opinions of dodgy Valentine lingerie and Sharon Osbourne's plastic surgery, Brit Award-nominated singer/songwriter Nerina Pallott entertained her fans with the last leg of her Lonely Valentine tour. She opened on the baby grand piano with a soft ballad, her clear voice sounding not unlike Katie Melua but with a harder edge. Moving into Driving to Idaho she exuded a rich sound which began to show the range of her voice.

Pallot kept with the ballads through All Bets Are Off which was a more soulful song telling of disastrous love which fitted in with the theme of the tour. She tried out one of her new songs, Once, before clomping across the stage in her crimson 50s-style dress to pick up her acoustic guitar.

She was interrupted by her husband letting her know their baby son, who was ill, was now alright and as she tried to move into her next song her emotions got the better of her and she brooke down in termer of wifer.

ears of relief.

tears of relief.

The plucky Pallot was soon back on track and quickly moved into more of her repertoire including Mr King, Real Late Starter, Turn Me On Again and even at one stage allowed the audience to throw in a request throw in a request.

Danny Farragher

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Sophie Bould with Daniel Boys in the Cole Porter musical High Society

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Contact your GP or GP out of hours service

GP Surgery

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GP out of hours service

GP out-of-hours

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the ambulance service

999 ambulance

Call 999 for an ambulance if the

- has had chest pains for more than 15 minutes
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- bleeding from the vagina and could be pregnant is in the final stages of labour
- may have had a stroke, fit or
- convulsion may have taken an overdose
- has severe burns has suspected head or spinal
- iniuries
- has had a severe allergic reaction

Further instructions will be given over the phone by a specially trained call taker and, if appropriate, an ambulance will be sent



What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 23.02.13

CHOICE



Casualty BBC1. 8.40pm

Last week we met estranged couple David and Kate. When we catch up with them here, he struggles to keep his temper in check after their son Nathan is rushed to the ED after collapsing while on a day out with Kate. The fact that Kate then announces she wants access to their son, coupled with bad news about the youngster's future treatment, stuns David so much, he decides to do something very foolish indeed. Meanwhile, Zoe returns, goes berserk at Ash and then offers him a permanent job. Also starring Patrick Robinson.

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v France (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief. Steve Jones and Alex Jones present the second heat of the contest, featuring Jon Culshaw, Antony Cotton, members of the cast of Waterloo Road, Kim Woodburn and Rosemary Shrager.

Shrager.

8.25 The National Lottery
Saturday Night Draws. New
series. OJ Borg presents as
the balls are set rolling to
decide the all-important
numbers. Including the
Lotto, Thunderball and Lotto
Plus 5 draws.

Plus 5 draws.

8.40 Casualty. Zoe returns from sick leave and clashes with Ash, Jeff must persuade a man to act in his son's best interests and Fletch is determined to help an elderly gentleman in love.

gentleman in love

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes
and the Brown family await
the fruits of their fraud after
faking Grandad's death to get
a payout, but the insurance
company starts to grow
suspicious. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Gary
Lineker presents highlights
of the latest Premier League
matches; National Lottery
1,004.

11.40 The Football League Show

BBC2

6.00 Close 7.30 Great British Menu. (R) 8.00 Great British Menu. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 10.00 History of British Menu. (R) 10.00

Track Championships.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson puts the new Kia Cee'd through a peculiar road test, Richard Hammond drives the Mastretta MXT, and three high-performance hatchbacks are tested on the track. (R)

hatchbacks are tested on the track. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon has a steam engine problem. (R)

8.30 A Wolf Called Storm:
Natural World Special.
Cameraman Jeff Turner spends a year following che lives of a wolf and its pack in the harsh wilderness. (R)

9.30 Howard Goodal!'s Story of Music. The composer examines the ways in which modernism and the birth of recorded sound in the late 19th century changed the way music was played, heard and distributed.

10.30 Fump Business. Comedians

and distributed.

10.30 Funny Business. Comedians who work on cruise ships. Last in the series.

11.30 Film: The Men Who Stare at Goats. (2009) Satting comedy, starring George Clooney and Ewan McGregor.

12.55 Close.

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10
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10.50 ITV News; Weather 11.05 Film: The Gauntlet. (1977) Action adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.05 Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen

CHANNEL 4

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6.05 Sali Mall. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Will & Grace. (R) 7.25 Freesports on 4.7.55 The Morning Line. 3.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.26 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.26 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.05 Freesports on 4.7.55 The Morning Line. 3.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.05 Freesports on 4.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.05 Freesports on 4.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.10 Freesports on 4.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.10 Freesports on 4.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.10 Freesports on 4.75 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.50 Come Dine with Me. Rose Proenca hosts the final dinner party in Portsmouth. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

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6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 The Queen's Mother in Law.
The story of Prince Philip's
mother Princess Alice, a
great-granddaughter of
Queen Victoria who turned
her back on royal life to work
with the poor in Greece. (R)
8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made
Home. The Grand Designs
presenter builds an oakframed cabin using recycled
materials, aiming to create a
ertreat where he can get
away from the rat race. (R)
9.00 Film: Terminator Salvation.
(2009) In the future,
resistance fighter John
Connor leads a war against
the deady robots that have
taken over the world. Sci-fi
thriller sequel, with Christian
Bale and Sam Worthington.
11.10 Film: Rising Sun. (1993)

Bale and Sam Worthington.

11.10 Film: Rising Sun. (1993)
Thriller, starring Sean
Connery and Wesley Snipes.

1.35 Southland. 2.15 Hollyoaks.
(R) 4.20 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.15
Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5 DIGITAL

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Loney Tunes. (R) 11.20 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.25 Monkey Life. (R) 11.55 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 Film: I Dream of Murder

6.55 CSI: NY. Mac tells Flack

Man. (1971) Mac tells Flack about the persistent anonymous calls he is not seen and the persistent anonymous calls he is not seen and the persistent anonymous calls he is not seen and adactious robberies carried out by crooks equipped with theten gadgetyr. (Ref) by a Knife-wielding woman who accuses him of war crimes, alleging he tortured and knied her brother in knied her brother in

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contacts the product discovering a dead worth his bed.

10.25 Law & Order: Criminal Intent.

Investigation. (r)
12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00
HouseBusters. (R) 4.25 Divine
Designs. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide To.
(R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15
The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.40
Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.50 Roary
the Racing Car. (R)

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

7.00 Merlin 7.45 Doctor Who 8.35 Film: National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) 10.30 World's Craziest Fools 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!

7.00 Britain's Natural World 8.00 Baroque! From St Peter's to St Paul's 9.00 Spiral 4: State of Terror 10.45 The Joy of the Single 11.45 Country at the BBC

11V2
3.35 Film: Toy Story 2 (1999) 5.30
Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007)
7.20 Film: Jurassic Park (1993)
9.50 Take Me Out – The Gossip
10.50 Fake Reaction 11.40 Film:
Gremlins (1984)

1.55 A Touch of Frost 4.00 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) 5.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.55 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Film: The Pianist (2002)

3.10 Film: The Upturned Glass (1947) 5.00 Film: Invitation to a Gunfighter (1984) 7.00 TT Legends 7.30 GT Academy 8.00 The Sweeney 9.00 River Monsters: Lethal Legends 10.00 Film: Raging Bull (1980)

E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement 6.00
The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy
Endings 8.00 How I Met Your
Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00
Film: Beverly Hills Cop II (1987)
11.05 The Big Bang Theory

2.50 Speed 2: Cruise Control

2.50 Speed 2: Gruse Control (1997) 5.10 Nacho Libre (2006) 6.55 America's Sweethearts (2001) 9.00 The Runaways (2010) Premiere. Biopic of the 1970s rock band, starring Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning. 11.05 Dog Soldiers (2002)

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What's On!

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Yotam Ottolenghi

Ottolenghi's Mediterranean Feast Channel 4, 7pm

Okay so we don't really need any more culinary programmes hogging the schedules - it's a big enough head-scratcher trying to choose between the crop of TV chefs already on offer. However, you'll probably join us in making an exception for this particular one - even if it is only because he's getting us out and about to various idvllic destinations. First up in his exploration of the Mediterranean's cuisine, Yotam heads to Marrakech, Morocco, where he learns about the city's street food and dines at Jemaa El Fna

SUNDAY'S TV 24.02.13

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Countryfile. (R) 11.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 BBC News. 12.05 Bargain Hunt. 12.30 Call the Midwife. (R) 11.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.00 Escape to the Country. 4.30 Call the Country 4.30 or Parise. 5.05 Penguins – Spy in the Fluddle. (R)

- 6.05 Deadly 60 on a Mission.

 New series. Steve Backshall continues his quest to encounter the world's 60 deadliest animals, heading to South Africa in search of great white sharks, cheetahs and venomous snakes.
- 6.35 BBC News; Regional News;
- 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore Bristol, Tom Heap Bristol, Iom Heap investigates issues associated with illegally produced meat and Adam Henson finds out how a breed of cow is being preserved. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- weatner for the Week Anead.

 8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny tries to reconcile a dying man with his only remaining daughter, while Dr Turner and the midwives carry out a mass screening for tuberculosis in Poplar.
- 9.00 Ripper Street. Jackson is accused of being the Ripper and faces the death penalty, while Reid investigates the suspected kidnapping of Rose. Last in the series. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News;
- Weatner.
 10.25 Match of the Day 2.
 11.25 The League Cup Show.
 12.05 The Apprentice USA. 1.30
 Weatherview. 1.35 BBC News.

6.00 Close. 6.20 Film: Once Upon a Honeymoon. (1942) 8.15 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. 8.45 A to Z of TV Gardening. 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Live Cycling. Word. 10.00 Fig. 10.00 Close Cycling. Word. 10.00 Fig. 10.

BBC2

- stopesyler hopefus from Laax in Switzerland.

 7.30 Open All Hours. Granville is left in charge of the shop. (R)

 8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond design a velhicle for elderly people, James May gets acquainted with the latest Range Rover and James McAvoy drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

 9.00 Wonders of Life. Professor Brian Cox considers what makes Earth a home for life and asks what ingredients were necessary to transform this once barren planet. Last in the series.

 10.00 Dancing on the Edge.
- 10.00 Dancing on the Edge.
 Stanley is made editor of
 Music Express. (R)
 11.05 Six Nations Rugby Union.
 Highlights of the third
 weekend of this year's
 competition.
- 11.50 Film: 10 Rillington Place (1971) Fact-based thriller,

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10
Handy Manny. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 7.00 Dam. (R) 7.10 Dam. (R) 7.10 Dam. (R) 7.10 Dam. (R) 7.25 Bookaboo 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 8.05 Rated A for Awesome. 8.15 Rated A for Awesome. 8.30 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 9.00 The Aquabats Super Show. 9.25 The Views. 9.10 Dam. (R) 12.25 The Jeromy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 Michicosoft Seal Deal. (R) 12.25 Dickiesoft Seal Deal. (R) 12.55 Marple. (R) 5.15 You've Been Framed! (R) 5.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

- Programme; Weather.
 6.15 Dancing on lee. The five remaining skaters get to grips with props in their routines as they battle to win places in next week's semi-linal. Phillip Schoffeld and Destination of the state of the state
- 1 The results are at 8.30pm.
 7.45 All Star Family Fortunes.
 With Nicola Adams and
 Michael Vaughan.
 8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate
 Off. The two lowest-scoring
 couples battle it out.
- Mr Selfridge. The Woolworths present Harry with some tough competition.
- 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
- 10.15 Her Majesty's Prison Aylesbury. Two-part documentary about life at the young offenders' institution. (R)
- 11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.15 The Store. 2.15 Monk. (R) 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Will & Grace. (F 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.10 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.10 The Simpsons. (R) 1.40 The Simpsons. (R) 2.10 Film: The Wedding Planner. (2001) 4.20 Time Team. 5.20 Deal or No

- The Political Slot. The Green Party's Natalie Bennet and Will Duckworth discuss
- 6.55 4thought.tv. A rabbi who believes British Jews shot learn from immigrants of
- other faiths.

 Ottolenghi's Mediterranean
 Feast. New series. Chef
 Yotam Ottolenghi travels the
 southern and eastern
 Mediterranean to explore its
 cuisine. He begins his
 journey in Marrakech, tasting
 the Moroccan city's street
 fond.
- food.

 A Great British Air Disaster.
 The rise and fall of the De
 Havilland Comet.
 (2010)
- Havilland Comet.

 Film: Unstoppable. (2010)

 Premiere. Two train
 operators must stop a
 runaway locomotive carrying
 toxic chemicals before it
 crashes. Thriller, starring
 Denzel Washington.
- 10.50 Film: Runaway Jury. (2003) Courtroom thriller, starring John Cusack and Gene Hackman.
- 1.10 Chris Addison: My Funniest Year. (R) 3.00 4Funnies: Brian Gittins. (R) 3.30 Eating for Two. (R) 3.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.20 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5 6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifl and the Flowertols. (R) 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.30 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Olive the Ostrich. (R) 6.50 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Rananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Animal Antics. (R) 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 8.45 Ropert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.45 Edyl Jamm. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Samural. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Samural. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Samural. (R) 11.15 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.20 Once Upon a Time. (R) 12.15 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.20 Film: Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo. (2004) 2.35 Film: Stuart Little 2. (2002) 4.05 Film: To Hell and Back. (1955) 6.10 Beat the Ancestors. 7.05 Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1998) Second World War drama, starring David Morall Mills Start Final Chapter. Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Costas Mandylor. (2010) 11.50 The Exordist: The True Story. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 10.00 Film: Saw: The Final Chapter. Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Costas Mandylor. (2010) 11.50 The Exordist: The True **CHANNEL 5 DIGITAL**

BBC Three

7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief 8.10 Film: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) 10.00 Being Human 11.00 People Like Us BBC Four

BBC Four
7.00 The Story of British Pathe 8.00
WHAAM! Roy Lichtenstein at the
Tate Modern 9.00 Madness in the
Desert: Paris to Dakar Rally 10.00
Timeshift: Everybody Was Kung Fu
Fighting – The Rise of Martial Arts
in Britain 11.00 The Swing Thing

ITV2
3.25 Take Me Out 4.55 Take Me Out
- The Gossip 5.55 Film: Babe
(1995) 7.45 Film: Ocean's Eleven
(2001) 10.00 The Only Way Is
ESSEX 10.50 Film: The Grudge Essex 1 (2004)

3.40 Film: Forever Young (1992) 5.45 Murder, She Wrote 6.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.55 An Audience with Cliff Richard 10.00 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age

1TV4
3.35 Film: Morning Departure
(1950) 5.45 Film: Without a Clue
(1988) 8.00 Premiership Rugby
Union 9.00 Film: Blues Brothers
2000 (1998) 11.30 Film: The Big
Lebowski (1998)

5.00 Revenge 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 New Girl 8.00 Film: Edward Scissorhands (1990) 10.05 Rude Tube 11.05 My Mad Fat Diary

Filmd 2.55 Explorers (1985) 5.05 Inkheart (2008) 7.10 My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) 9.00 High Crimes (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of kiling villagers in El Salvado. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd. 11.15 Blood and Chocolate (2007)

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Film Choices

Striking Distance, Channel 5, Tipm
Cop Tom Hardy refuses to accept the suspect convicted for murdering his father is the real perpetrator of the crime. Meanwhile, his career derails and he is demoted to river patrol. However, his instincts prove accurate as the real criminal resurfaces. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker and Tom Sizemore. (1993)

Then She Found Me, BBC1, 12.15am

A New York teacher faces a mid-life crisis after her husband leaves her and her adoptive mother dies. To nusband leaves ner and ner adoptive mother dies. Io confuse matters further, she embarks on a relationship with the father of one of her students at the same time as her birth mother, an eccentric talk-show host, appears seeking reconcilitation. Comedy drama, starring Helen Hunt, Bette Midler and Colin Firth. (2007)

Wednesday
The Mothman Prophecies, BBC1, 11.40pm
A bereaved journalist gets inexplicably lost on his way to Virginia, and ends up in a rural backwater where the residents are reporting paranormal encounters and sightings of strange lights. He investigates further and is startled to uncover sightings of a huge moth-like creature. Supernatural thriller, with Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Will Patton and Debra Messing. (2002)



Thursday Abducted, Channel 5, 3.20pm A man wrongly imprisoned for murder is placed under the authority of a ruthless warden with political aspirations. Desperate to prove his innocence, the aspirations. Desperate to prove his imborence, the immate escapes and abducts the official's wife. However, the situation takes an unexpected turn. Thriller, starring Sarah Wynter and Andrew W Walker. (2007)

Gladiator, ITV, 10.35pm
Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius is a casualty of a power struggle between the corrupt Emperor Commodus and the senate. Ordered to be put to death along with his family, he escapes his would-be killers and is sold into slavery, only to become a gladiator and seek revenge for the murder of his wife and child. Oscar-winning period epic, with Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix and Derek Jacobi. (2000)

Armageddon, BBC1, 11.20pm
Nasa discovers an asteroid the size of Texas is on a collision course with Earth, so a drilling expert is recruited to train a team of misfits to transport a nuclear device into outer space to destroy it. Sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler, Michael Clarke Duncan, Billy Bob Thornton and Steve Buscemi. (1998)

Pick of the Week

The boys are back with their winning formula

Bruce Forsyth has earned the little King of Saturday Night Telly after all, het been hoosing top-rated programmes at that time of the week for more than 50 years. He's been an entertainer guaranteed to raise a smile since before many of us, and even our parents, were born thanks to hits such as The Generation Game, Big Night and, of course, his current smash Strictly Come Dancing.

A few presenters have attempted to steal his crown, including Noel Edmonds, but they've fallen by the

However, there is one duo out there that you suspect will take it one day – Ant and Dec.

Ant and Dec.

Not only are they extremely good at presenting the same kind of shows as Brucie, they're excellent hosts in their own right with the kind of chemistry and charm money can't buy.

Those are facts ITV's schedulers have clearly realised because they've made Ant and Dec almost omnipresent – it sometimes feels as if barely five minutes goes by before they're back on the box.

And yes, we like them as much as the next TV expert, but we reckon we could live for at least a week without them popping up looking unnaturally chirpy.

However, we don't have to test that theory because, lo and behold, the Geordie duo are back on the box.

Geordie duo are back on the box.

Those of us who grew up watching
Byker Grove could never have
imagined that one day, these two,
then better known as PJ and Duncan,
would go no to become arguably the
most popular double act on British TV.

Ant and Dec were always charismatic and, in their own way, quite cute, but it seems they have that extra-special, oh-so-difficult-to-define something that has allowed them to stand head and shoulders above the crowd – despite their diminutive height.

But not everything they've touched has turned to gold. The second series of Red or Black never broke four million viewers. So what should ultra-successful TV presenters do following a flop?

That's right, go back to an old favourite, a surefire hit. And that, if

seems, is what Ant and Dec have done by resurrecting their Saturday Night Takeaway.

The last series was broadcast in 2010, but we're pleased to note that nothing seems to have changed in the intervening years – after all, why change a winning formula?

So, expect to see members of the public trying to win the items feature in the ad break, as well as star performers in action.

Pendimers in action.

Robbie Williams is the first A-lister to appear. He will be providing a musical interlude as well as a surprise for one lucky member of the viewing public.

While, Hollywood star Danny DeVito steps into the voiceover booth in the first edition.

first edition.

Although the star guests are a welcome sight, it's the competitions that make this show so watchable—and although they could be accused of suffering from over-exposure, we're looking forward to seeing them again.

And probably again and again too because, let's face it, if they're ever going to topple Brucie, they're going to be on our screens for some years to



Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, Saturday, ITV, 7pm

Best of the Rest

Penguins – Spy in the Huddle

BBC1, 9pm
Thanks to this fascinating series, we now know our emperors from our Humboldts, but could you identify individual birds? It seems it's a big ask even or penguin parents as the last episode in the series ooks at the challenges faced by the young of the species. The emperor chicks keep together in a nuddle and it's up to the adults to check they are eeding the right child. Meanwhile, the Humboldts are left in burrows, which may sound cosy, but they are still at risk from vampire bats. Luckily for viewers, it's not all death and trauma – there's also lootage of the emperors learning to skate, and the rockhoppers practising their jumping skills.

Black Mirror

show, teaches youngsters about the world through nterviews with politicians and establishment figures However, the animated protagonist is actually an anarchic animated character on a satirical late-night opical comedy show, voiced and controlled by failed comedian Jamie Salter (Daniel Rigby). He unleashes a mix of humorous innuendo, sarcasm and childish vitriol once he has lured someone into the studio. With a Waldo pilot in the offing, the animated character is soon standing against one of his victims, Conservative Liam Monroe (Tobias Menzies). Romance and a viral internet clip are hrown into the mix for Charlie Brooker's cro

Channel 4, 10pm

All good things must come to an end, and this week sees the arrival of the final series of Channel 4's hit comedy drama. The Maguires' empire seems to be doing well. While Mimi (Tina Malone) hijacks the local school via the PTA. Shane (Nicky Evans) is busy getting a new business venture off the ground. However, just as the rogue clan think things are going well, Jamie's (Aaron McCusker) shock discovery leads to him withdrawing from the family firm. Meanwhile, Frank's latest job as a

caretaker helps fund his latest leisure activity involving Sherrilee (Sarah Totty) and Derrilee (Sue Vincent), a prostitute double act dubbed the Gastric Bandits.

My New Hand

BBC1, 10.35pm Thanks to research and human ingenuity, medical science never ceases to amaze. Recently there has been the first bionic eye and face transplants – a case of science fiction becoming science fact. But the latest headline making procedure is a hand transplant, which happened in Leeds in December. This documentary follows Professor Simon Kay and his team from making the initial decision to carry it out, through to the first time that 51-year-old Mark Cahill sees his new hand.

Child of Our Time BBC1, 9pm

There were rumours that this fascinating insight into child development might not be returning to our screens – thankfully, they have proved unfounded. So Dr Robert Winston is back for a two-part run. This time the youngsters are 12, so since we last saw them they have started at secondary school and have begun to suffer some of the trials and tribulations involved in teenage life. The concluding part will be broadcast tomorrow.

and features an insight into the children's family changes, parental expectations and what perils they may face before we meet them again in a few years' time.

Thursday The Schoolboy Assassin: Murder Files Channel 5, 8pm

For over a decade, Michael Ross was regarded as a hero thanks to his Iraq war service. But, in 2008. he was convicted of

murdering Orkney-based waiter Shamsuddin Mahmood during an unprovoked attack in June 1994. Although a suspect almost from the start of the only evidence at esday, Channel 4, 10pm

disposal was circumstantial, and it wasn't until 2006 when a witness finally came forward that Ross was eventually convicted of the crime. This fascinating documentary charts events from the murder to his attempts to appeal in 2012.

Friday

Mary and Martha

BBC1, 8.30pm
Not content with being the man who gave us Blackadder, Four Weddings and a Funeral, and Love Actually, writer and director Richard Curtis also co-founded Comic Relief, and this year he's making a very special contribution in the form of this one-off drama. Granted, on paper Mary and Martha doesn't sound particularly funny, but it is a reminder of why Comic Relief exists and the causes it raises money for. Double-Oscar winner Hilary Swank stars as Mary, an American woman who meets the English Martha (Brenda Blethyn) in a remote corner of Mozambique. Despite their very different backgrounds, the women discover they are bonded by a common tragedy

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Lorraine Kelly ITV, 9pm

Lorraine Kelly has been grilling celebrities and Dolliticians for almost three decades, and has attracted no end of red-blooded admirers in the process, including JLS star Marvin Humes, who labelled her a cougar. In this show, she's responds to assorted personal questions, such as how she to assorted personal questions, such as how an effect about being seen as a sex symbol. She also talks about how she was sacked from GMTV, weeks after giving birth to her daughter.



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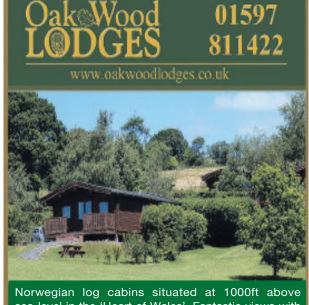
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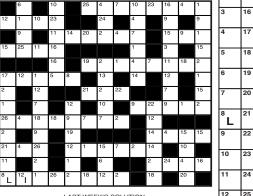
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 4. Fish forced to come to land (7)
 8. Doesn't move the corpse (7)
 9. Make an admission (32)

- (3,2) 10. Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear
- (4)
 11. What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)
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- back as a hatch (4-4)
 14 and 17 Across.
 Besides a greater
 amount in surplus (8)
 16. The end of the trip
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 autumn (8)
 17. See 14 Across.
 20. Native of Australia to

- 20. Native or Australia to leave after a row (5)
 21. An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
 22. The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
 23. They are characterized in a contraction of the sec
 - ised in an adaptation of "The Loser" (5)

Quick Clues: Across

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- Trader (8)
- 13. Munch (4) 14. Let it stand (4) 16. Maintain (8)

- 17. Support (4) 20. Sluggish (5) 21. Disclose (7)
- 22. Beg (7) 23. Finished (5)

- 1. Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
- 2. Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
- 3. Fence the track (4) A crowd by the Span-ish accommodation building (6)
- 5. Load it in it's needed for expansion
- 6. External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
- 7. Schools that have small charges (13)
- 12. The result of incomplete waxing! (4-4) 13. Could they be an in-
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- 18. Six talk endlessly
- being full of life (5)

 19. See 13 Across.

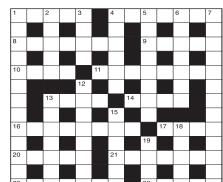
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- 5. Wisdom (8)
 6. Far (7)
 7. Lacking self-control (5-8)
 12. Disparage (8)
 13. Vanity (7)
 15. Majestic (6)
 18. Wandered (5)
 19. Pain (4)



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Circlegram

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three bedroom detached home porch, an elegant reception hall, a through lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a side verandah, a cellar, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950

COSELEY



HOSPITAL LANE

three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden that incorporates a workshop. EPC rating E

£126,950



CHARLECOTE DRIVE

four bedroom detached home that lefly comprises a reception porch briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a clining room, a conservator, a superb fitted clining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating D

£239,950



LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom uPVC double glazing where stated gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£174,950



NORTHWAY

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950

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FIELDSTONE VIEW

A two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining kitchen, a downstairs w/c, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a gas fired central heating, driveway and a pleasant rear garden, EPC rating C

£121,950

MILKING BANK



MONTPELLIER GARDENS

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen, a utility room, a study, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good-sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gasfired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating C

£239,950



NETHERBY GREEN

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest closkroom, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£169,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINRUSH CLOSE

three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£159,950



HOPTON GARDENS

two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating C

£116.950

BROADLANDS



DUDMASTON WAY

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom ensuite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£234,950



WOODBANK ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£164,950



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom ensuite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating C

£156,950



ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE

two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, Economy 7 heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E

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shower •Rear garden with patio & lawn

•Energy Rating - C £395pcm



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and shower
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Kitchen with appliances space • Energy Rating · D •Bathroom with bath

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ree bed town house cated opp Westfield Shopping Centre •Lounge •Downstairs WC

Madison Av

•Fully fitted kitchen
•Master bedroom is ensuite
•Allocated parking
•Energy Rating - B £625pcm



•Two bed mid terraced home •Fully fitted kitchen •Bathroom with

bath and shower
•CH & DG
•Rear Garden
•Energy Rating - C

£525pcm



•Two bed mid terrace •Gas fired central heating •Double glazed •Lounge with patio doors

Ferguson Drive Kitchen with appliances
 Private rear garden
 ORP
 Energy Rating - C

£525pcm



Devon Road

•Two bed sem detached Fitted kitcher £500pcm

 Separate WC
 Central heated
 Energy Rating - E •Two bed. GCH & DG



Dudley Lister Road

•Fitted kitcher ate access •Rear garden with

£500pcm



Wolverhampton

•Unfurnished •GCH •Fully fitted kitchen •Energy Rating - D £475pcm

Southgate Way Fitted kitchen/breakfast area with
 Double alazing

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oven & hob Attractive First Floor Two Bed Apartment •Bathroom with sho Communal Gardens
 Energy Rating - D

£450pcm



Tipton

rille Close
•Lounge with Juliette balco
•Bathroom with bath & sho
•Allocated parking
•Energy Rating • B

£425pcm



Tipton

• Two bed top floor apartment • Lounge with Juliette balcony

£400pcm



•GCH & DG •Energy Rating

£400pcm



Saington Way

One bed ground floor flat shower

Unfurnished ORP

Fully fitted kitchen Energy Rating

TENANTS!

£395pcm



Wolverhampton

•GCH & DG •ORP •Energy Rating - C Lounge
Bathroom with shower
Kitchen with oven and
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One bed first floor Bedfroom with shower
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- DESIRABLE LOCATION

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 Dining room, dining kitchen NO UPWARD CHAIN

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- Delightfull location
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ETTINGSHALL PARK FARM LANE

DOVEDALE ROAD



Spacious dining kitchen

Spacious end-terraced Two bedrooms

- Well presented detached
 Three bedrooms
 Two reception rooms
 Fitted kitchen with access to garage
 Central heating, double glazing

- Popular location £169,950

TIPTON ROAD



Refurbished
 Throughout

Three bedrooms
 23ft Living room







FARRINGTON ROAD



- Central hearing
 Double glazing
 Off road parking plus garage



- Link-detached family hom
 Three/Four bedrooms
 Lounge, dining room
 Kitchen plus utility
 Downstairs WC
- Central heating,
 Secluded position
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED Reduced to £164,950

REDWOOD AVENUE



- STRAITS, DUDLEY ungalow Off road parking 8
- Useful basement • SPACIOUS Accommodation Reduced to £130,000

Elegant living room







Three bedrooms
Spacious dining kitchen
Central heating
Part uPVC double glazed





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Enjoying a generous corner position upon the exclusive Badgers Rise development, which is pleasantly located close to neighbouring fields, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED. MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; reception hall, ground floor w.c. spacious lounge, separate dining room, conservatory extension, fitted kitchen, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS (two fitted and master with EN-SUITE) and beautifully re-appointed house bathroom. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY and GARAGE together with LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£194.950

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Waterways Gardens

AN IMMACULATE. EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED, DOUBLE FRONTED MODERN LINK-DETACHED BUNKALOW enjoying a generous setting MODERN LINK-DETACHED BUNKALOW enjoying a generous setting SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFILLY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising reception hall aground attractive bunge attractively reflect fickers, reception hall aground attractive bunge attractively write shower own of the proposed of the

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Orchard Court

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£134,950

NETHERTON



Round Street

This well presented, double glazed (wast majority of units being UPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, transverse Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen with a fine range of units, three good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Gazgal D oFFICE 01344 265265

£104,950

PENSNETT



Church Street

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home has been considerably improved by the present owners, and may represent an ideal first time buy. The owners, and may represent an ideal first time buy. The property is situated in a quiet cul de sac and briefly comprises: stylish Lounge, Dining Kitchen, two good Bedrooms, Batthroom with white suite, Driveway and rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265 £89,950

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Durham Road

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may represent an ideal first time buy. The well presented accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, refitted Kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances, Guest W.C., two double Bedrooms, re-fitted Shower Room, Driweway and a generous rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01344 262565

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Broadfield Close



A VERY DECEPTIVE and DISTINCTIVE, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly desirable cut-de-sac position, having been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, providing HIGH SPECIFICATION and TASTEFFULLY DECORATED as commodation which includes UPVC DOUBLE GLAZNING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Reception Hall, Guests Cloakroom/WC, Lounge Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, second Sitting Room with Breakfast Room off, luxury refitted kitchen with appliances, THREE BEDROOMS plus first floor STUDY and luxury refitted Bathroom. FULL WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE sectioned to Laundry Room and a large BEAUTIFILITY LAID OUT LARGE, SUNNY AND PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £324,950

BOBBINGTON



Delightfully located, forming part of this small exclusive cul de sac development, this SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a very pleasant outlook towards the village church of Holy Cross; orfering a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, ground floor guests cloakroom/w.c., large attractive lounge with walk in bay, separate formal dining room, spacious fitted kitchen, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (master with refitted en suite shower room) and luxury refitted house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the attractive front lawn, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GRAAGE and a beautifully laid out, established and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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UPPER GORNAL



Old Quarry Drive

temendously enhanced accommodation includes reception has, segant lourge with living flamer gas fire & waller. In bey, extended clining/bitting room (with folly ceiling heights incorporating skylight, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & amay integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom; four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units & reappointed shower room en suiter reappointed batterious with contemporary style white suite, garage, block; paved e, delightful secluded well stocked/andscaped rear gar hed shrubs & plants. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £235,000

DUDLEY



Elmstone Close (Off Richborough Drive)

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Offers in the region of £232,950

PENSNETT



Mayflower Drive

Enjoying perhaps one of the best corner positions within a sought after development, this IMMACULATE AND SUBSTANTIAL MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME IS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and GENEROUS throughout, including REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, large Lounge with bay, separate Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, separate Laundry/Utility, ground floor WC, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, the Master having an LUXURY EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM and House Bathroom. VERY LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and GENEROUS BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR/ SIDE GARDENS. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£205,950

WALL HEATH



Chanel Street

CKING ONTO PLAYING FIELDS within this sought after cul-BSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW EXCEPTIONALLY SPA AUTIFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FA ludes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and

£199,950



Longmeadow Drive, Northway

Longmeadow Drive, Northway A delightful, conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached in favoured district convenient for so many amentiles. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, inner hallway, 234* through lounge/dining room (with living flame feature gas fire), kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, large garage, neat well tended gardens, block paved driveway, EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1982,880888

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Ploverdale Crescent

IANTIAL 5/6 BEDROOM DETACHED DAVID PAYNE HOUSE, occupying a secluded position upon the Sandpipers, offering GENEROUS accommodation Sandpipers, offering GeNeroUS accommodation Dining Kitchen with appliances, laundry, study ground droom, 5/6 BEDROOMS, two en suite shower of the Sandpipers, offering the Sandpipers of th

£182.950

DUDLEY



Austin Close, Milking Bank

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear agriden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation related development, the carefully planned accommodation feature gas fire, dining room, uppraded kifchen, partly, aundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two loffs), 176° garage, gardens, EPC Rating D. SEDGLET OFFICE 01952 880698

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GORNAL WOOD



Woodland Grove

Erviably situated in short cul-de-ase just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation provides; reception hall, lounge, transverse "hub of the house" breadfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a "garden com". Three bedrooms, bathroom, Lengthy block pawed driveways, birck garage, shlered/decluder rear garden. EPC Raing E. SEDGLE "OFFICE 1102 060898

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BRIERLEY HILL



North View Drive

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is heated, four bedroomed defached family home is stutated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£174,950

LOWER GORNAL



Humphrey Street

O UPWARD CIVAL Aprimarily MPK DOUBLE GLAZED, and nas centrally helped Delibert of popular particularly convenient. Iocation. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, living own, been convenient or the convenient of the convenient o

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I.8 gas centrally heated three bedroomed detacned home which is situated in a popular residential on, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The ty is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly isse entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white ree bedrooms, reappointed snower room with white lite. Burglar alarm, driveway, garage, and a pleasant real irden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888



Mount Close

eautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas y heated semi detached home is situated in a ul-de-sea and is well worthy to internal inspection. uprisingly spacious property briefly comprises hall, open plan lounge/dining room, three means, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & urden.EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902



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agnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, fre centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached th

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Cinder Bank

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£159,950

SEDGLEY



Richmond Road

sameuties/scnools. Accommodation provides imposing reception with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting nith original seak flooring, separate dining room with the yait with role in the wall "living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrappliances), party, three bedrooms (two with wardrob reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with ut section, separate toilet, near seculded rear garden, parking numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880

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NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & double glazed semi detached set at head of cut de sac upor favoured development. Accommodation includes reception hall, dining room with bay, sitting room with patio doors, understair cloaks, enlarged kitchen, partly three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toliet three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet large (21°2'x 12°5' contractors garage), garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

GORNAL WOOD



Offers in the region of £149,950

SEDGLEY



Queens Road

An attractive, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached in favourier free lined" road within walking distance of Sedgley centre, open fields & schools, etc. Although modernised, there is further potential with the accommodation providing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, partial prograded kitchen, theel bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with the prograded without the providing road in the prograded without the prograded wit reception hall, upgraded kitche with white sub-

Offers in the region of £149,950

PENSNETT



Commonside

This considerably extended, significantly improved, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, five bedroomed Semi Detached Home provides truly versatile family space, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of comprises. Entrance Hall, splendid through Lounge / Dhing Room, extended Kitchen with a fine range of units, Garden Room, five good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Block Paved Priveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 256265

£149,950

COSELEY



Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with No UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSENWATORY addition, two good bedrooms, well control to the property of the prope

Offers in the region of £139,950



Silverthorne Avenue, Foxyards

on absolutely outstanding, fastidiously maintained inproved, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas combi boiler) semi detached upon favoured deve (combi holier) isemi detached upon flevound deseleptiment. Superl accommodation provides reception hall, luurge, dining room transverse brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgrades kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units' a integrates appliances. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, utility room, fitted cloakroom delightful gardens, block pawed front www. STAMP DUT EXEMPT. EPC Rating D. SEDDLEY OFFICE 19182 888688

Offers in the region of £134,950

LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking, EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 800888



An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glaz detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors AR EXTENSELT, gais continuity retends, 6, ure's, obscure guesno seems views of the program of th

COSELEY

Skidmore Road

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in an established district convenient for station & other amenities. Accommodation includes halway, lounge with bay, transverse dining/siting room, store, upgraded kitchen with 'cream finish' units & further utility room beyond. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with white suite, block pawed foregarden, and the graden. EPC Rating & SEDDLEY OFFICE 01962 880888

Offers in the region of £98,950

Offers in the region of £115,000

NETHERTON



Hampton Street

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN THREE BEDROOM HOME affords an excellent layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: Entrance Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, REALLY LOVELY DINING KITCHEN, Three Bedrooms and Splendid Bathroom with write comer suite / seperate shower cubicle. Tidy foregarden, Garage and with a STUNNING REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. BRIENLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £104,950

LOWER GORNAL



Wood Road

This immaculately presented, upVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated two (formerly three) bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners and may represent an ideal first time purchase. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, baffroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Pating D. SEGDLEY OFFICE 01992 808093.

WAS £104,950, NOW £102,950

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Pebworth Grove

This modern, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), two bedroom semi detached home is well presented throughout & may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suits, block paved driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 860888

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 Upvc double glazing
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HARTLAND AVENUE

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- property Three bedrooms
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- No upward chain Epc band D

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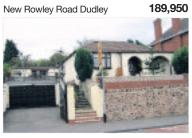
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Alma Avenue Tipton



A traditional semi comprises porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, Energy Rating E

Clifton Street Coselev



This two bedroom terrace property offers spacious accommodation including two reception rooms, kitchen, must be viewed.

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Motoring

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Two new super models from SEAT

TO prove that SEAT really is in touch with what its customers want, the company has introduced the Mii and Ibiza Toca editions. And for the new reg customers can get a great deal.

Toca is the Spanish word for 'touch', giving a fairly obvious clue as to the particular bonus that buyers get when choosing one of these new models. Yes, it's a touch screen. Specifically, Toca models come with the very useful SEAT Portable System, first introduced to the SEAT range with the Mii city car. The Mii Toca is based on the 1.0 60 PS SE version, and adds the



The Mii Toca, like the Ibiza, comes loaded with equipment including air con

SEAT Portable System and rear parking sensors – both especially useful in the car's natural environment, the busy city streets.

At full retail price, the additional outlay for the Mii Toca edition over the SE is a modest £475 – great value when these options individually would require an £805 spend.

In the Ibiza Toca, buyers get a set of 16-inch 'Stratos' alloy wheels (up from 15 inches) along with the SEAT Portable System, for a £425 premium over the SE car on which it's based.

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The Toca editions are available to order now, with first cars expected to hit the road during early February – and customers buying either the Mii or Ibiza Toca before April will enjoy huge discounts.

That's because until the end of March 2013 the Mii Toca is reduced by £850, putting the three-door model at an attractive £8,995, while the Ibiza Toca editions all receive a £2,705 cut, leaving the three-door (SC) model with an outstanding £9,995 price with an outstanding £9,995

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The SEAT Portable System packs a deluge of digital driver aids into a lightweight package not much bigger than a cassette box. It includes satellite navigation, Bluetooth phone connectivity with audio streaming, a MicroSD card slot for music storage, and trip computer functions, all controlled via a foolproof interface on a five-inch touchscreen.

"The Ibiza Toca is another example of SEAT giving great value to buyers by providing cutting-edge equipment at a very reasonable price," said Simon Bradley, product manager at SEAT UK.

"The SE specification is very popular among current Ibiza owners, which is no surprise given the amount of comfort, safety and convenience equipment it has as standard. But we really want as many as possible to have



The new three-door SEAT Ibiza Toca, complete with 16-inch 'Stratos' who

access to the remarkable SEAT Portable System. By bringing big car technology to the city car and supermini classes, the device really has moved the game forward," he added.

The SEAT Portable System is, from this month, available as an optional extra on all Ibiza models, superseding the TomTom unit previously available. The system is capable of having additional functionality added by way of software upgrades, and will shortly be updated to include internet search functionality. Existing SEAT Portable System owners will be able to access these additional features.

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Popular Suzuki Swift range gets luxurious new addition

Suzuki has added a luxurious but affordable new model to the Swift range, to sit between the Sport and the

SZ3. Adding features from the Swift Sport to the existing SZ3 spec, such as a boot spoiler and red stitching on the steering wheel and gear knob, the Swift SZ-L is aimed at buyers who want the looks but don't need the

highly tuned 1.6-litre engine from the

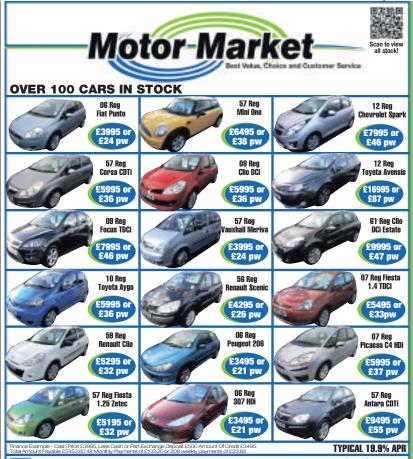
Sport. The SZ-L also adds unique 16in alloy The SZ-L also adds unique tom anoy wheels, rear privacy glass, cruise control and free metallic paint in a choice of four colours.

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Goals are all around to secure semi spot

Stourbridge **Juniors**

Withymoor Colts West U11 1 ANOTHER all-round team performance saw the under-11s into the semi-finals with

11s into the semi-finals with eight goals netted by eight different scorers.

James Thompson, with a free-kick, Jordan Edwards; Mitchell Harrison; Jack Tighe; Callum Lawton; Donovan Westwood, with a long-distance thunderbolt, Yash Bharath and Stephen Ross all scored.

Keeper Tyler Beach made what was described as one the best saves seen at this age group from a free-kick.

Stourbridge U12B 3

Kewford East U12 2

Stourbridge, eager for

Kewford East U122
Stourbridge, eager for action after playing twice since the beginning of December, held on to beat a good Kewford side.
Kewford conceded less than a goal a game before Sunday but Stourbridge started off on the front foot.
They were three up report

started off on the front foot.

They were three up going into the second half but a couple of knocks prompted four changes in the last 20 minutes as Kewford seized their opportunity and scored twice. Stourbridge, however, held on.

Obtainistrat Youth 113.0

ld on. Oldswinford Youth U13 O Stourbridge U13B 2

Stourninge U138 2
Stourbridge improved
after a quiet first half to take
the victory.
The breakthrough came
with a penalty awarded
when Nathaniel Connon
was brought down in the
area.

area.

Brooke Price stepped up and hit the spot-kick straight, hard and low into the net.

A few minutes later, Sam Green battled hard to make the chance for Liam Hands

Stourbridge's man of the match was Callum Collins.

Stourbridge U16B 7

Netherton Colts U16 West 0

A Tube Dimmock hat-

A Luke Dimmock hat-trick helped Stourbridge to a

big victory over Netherton.
Greg Dimmock. Bradley
Edmunds, Jordan Owen and
Liam Kendrick were the

Liam Kendrick were the other scorers.

Man of the match Owen's free-kick into the top corner caught the eye and there was some exciting team play as Stourbridge close in on their divisional title.

Results: Stourbridge U12A 1 Sky Bluet lawkes U12 1, Stourbridge U15B Sterley Hill Bullets U15 East? Boldmere Falcons U15 Girls 1 Stourbridge U15B Girls 2.



Saxons made to pay penalty

Otley 13 Stourbridge Saxons 12
A 76TH-MINUTE penalty goal from winger Chris Gemmell condemned a misfiring Saxons outfit to their second loss of the season in National Two North.
The penalty award was a huge

The penalty award was a huge call by referee William Halford, call by referee William Halford, being the only one conceded all game by a Saxons pack that was dominant in the tight phases. Scrums frequently needed re-setting and Otley shipped four penalties, though only one in kicking range. Saxons had themselves to blame for the narrow margin, the intensity of the home defensive

effort making it rare that they threatened Otley's tryline. The Saxons opened the scoring with a sixth-minute Caolan Ryan penalty for an Otley tackle trans-crossion.

Ryan slotted another on 24 minutes as Nathan Bressington was high-tackled after taking an inside pass.

Otley laid siege to the line in the latter stages of the half and a succession of Stourbridge penalty concessions drew a yellow card for hooker Stewart Pearl.

Replacement hooker Dale Garner was taken out off the ball as Saxons attacked shortly after captain Ben Hughes read the riot act at the break, allowing Ryan to recover the lead at 9-7.

He missed further kicks in the 48th and 49th minutes, either side of Otley regaining the lead with a penalty for a ruck offence. The lead changed hands again with a 63rd-minute Ryan penalty for a tackler not rolling away, and, with Gemmell also missing, five

likely to hold on to a two-point margin.

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They knocked-on in contact; the scrum engaged, the referee awarded the penalty and Gemmell stepped up to score the final, three points for Otley's win.

Saxons' desperate attempts to run out of their own 22 came to rothing with a knock-on forced by Otley tackling.

They can reflect on a game lost by too often surrendering possession cheaply rather than grinding down Otley's pack. The home side were able to impose a high-tempo style that brought victory.

Red card mars win as Kings are victors

Kingswinford 4 Droitwich 2 A BRILLIANT start for Kingswinford men's hockey firsts was dampened by a red card and left them facing a tough second-half challenge with only 10 men.

with only 10 men.

Kings, playing bottom of
the league Droitwich,
expected to dominate.

At first it looked as if it
might be the home side's day
when they took the lead
after 30 seconds through
Colin Morris.

Over the next 10 minutes,
Kings extended their lead
twice. Adam Pritchard beat
two defenders and slammed
a shot into the backboard.

a shot into the backboard, before Guneet Uppal also scored.

Kings continued to pres-

sure Droitwich and extended their lead before the break through Gary Oates.

Oates.

Not long into the second half Kings suffered a blow when Bal Lally was red carded for dissent.

Droitwich took advantage of the extra man and continually stretched Kings, but found trouble getting past man of the match Tim Sanders in goal.

Droitwich were able to score two goals close to time but the home side were able to hold the victory.

Sports sunk by w-eight of scores

Dudley Sports U9 East 1 Withymoor Colts U9 West 8 JOE PUGH got Dudley Sports' consolation goal as

Sports' consolation goal as they lost out to Withymoor. Budley Sports U13 6 Brierley Hill Bullets U13 West 3 Peter Johnson notched a treble for Dudley in this good win. Connor Gordon, Josh Worrall and Dominic O'Reilly also got on the scoresheet.

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Old Wulfrunians U14 South 3

Budley Sports U14 1

Jack Turner's goal was not enough as Sports bowed out at the quarter-final stage of the Stourbridge league Charity Cup.

Warley Borough U14 4

Four different scorers hit the mark in this victory for

Four different scorers hit the mark in this victory for the Dynamos.
They were: Jack Blunt, George Taylor, Connor Had-dlington and Chad Derrick.
Kewford Eagles U16 South D Budley Sports U16 0 Kewford and Dudley fought out a goalless draw.

Starke is confident of pushing for No.1 spot

PAUL STARKE is confident that he can push for the No.1 spot in the Dudley Heathens speedway side this season.

The Malvern racer, who has moved to the Monmore Green outfit from the Isle of Wight, suffered a torrid time with bike problems last year but says he has out that right. He will meet fans and the rest of the Heathens side at Cradley Heath Liberal Club for the season launch party on Friday, March 1, an event for which a few tickets remain.

Friday, March 1, an event for:
He said: "My speciality
has always been a small
track, and when I came from
Plymouth I had a nine-point
average.
"I just struggled with the
Isle of Wight track, but I
think that with a smaller
circuit as my home track
again I can dramatically
increase my average and be
pushing Ash (skipper Ashley
Morris) for the No.1 jacket.
"Obviously he won't want

"Obviously he won't want to let it go, and Lewis (Black-bird) will be after it as well.

Rivalry

"It's going to be a big year for all three of us and it will add a nice bit of friendly rivalry in the team which I think will boost all of our

performances.

"I had a bad spell last year, really. I had a lot of machinery problems which affected my confidence and it was just one of those seasons.

"But now I'm at a track that I think suits me a lot better, and I think that

better, and I think that should definitely show in my scores once I get going.
"I think as a team we've got a good shot this year as well. We've got a lot of young lads in the team, and if some

Dudley Heathens

of them come good we should do very well. We have riders who I think are only going to get better and if we can all fire together then we should be towards the top of the league for sure."
All riders and management will be at the launch where there will be an auction of a 2013 race jacket, a raffle and disco.

auction of a 2013 race jacket, a raffle and disco.

Tickets can be bought from the online shop at the dudleyheathens.co/ club website for an evening seeing the launch of the new Erik Gundersen DVD which will be available for £16.

Gundersen, one of Cradley's greatest and three-times world champion, returned from Denmark in summer to grip a sellout 400-strong crowd at The Venue Conference

a sellout 400-strong crowd at The Venue Conference Centre, Dudley, with stories of his career and his fighting life-threatening injuries. Gundersen has had a five-week course of treatment in Denmark to help his move-ment and is now preparing for the new season in his role as national youth coach.

Hat-trick enough to seal the win for West Hagley



West Hagley FC East have plenty to celebrate after victories in Central Warwicks league and shield matches

West Hagley U11 East 5
Santiago Colts Shamrocks U11 1
AN eight-minute hat-trick from Finley
Andrews-Wood gave West Hagley
victory over Santiago.
The game was scoreless at the
break, but West Hagley broke through
after a neat passing move ended with
George Sulley side-footing home his
first goal for the club.
Santiago levelled within a minute.

Santiago levelled within a minute, but Charlie Mycock-Fox restored the lead when rounding a defender and finishing with a left-foot shot.

Then Andrews-Wood scored three fine individual goals, taking on defenders each time before placing his shot byond the keeper.

West Hagley's midfield of Tom Benson, George Edmonds, Toby Mason and captain Charlie Cinnamond impressed in a victory which put their side third in the table.

West Hagley U11 East 2
West Hagley U11 West 1
The East side sprung a surprise with victory over their higher-rated club opposition in a shield clash.

The derby match had a stuttering start with both sides a little nervous. Near the end of the first half a fine through ball from Andrews-Wood found Benson, who outpaced the defenders and scored.

detenders and scored.
West Hagley continued to make chances in the second period and Edmonds eventually smashed one home for the second goal.
A West Hagley goal from a free-kick two minutes from time produced an anxious finish, but the underdogs held on.



Saxons stall Late penalty seals defeat for leaders Page 55



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too strong for Swifts

Gornal Athletic 2 Stourport Swifts 0 THE PEACOCKS, still on a

Stourport Swifts 0
THE PEACOCKS, still on a
high after reaching the last
eight of the FA Vase, swept
aside a poor Swifts side who
never looked like threatening lan Rowe's in form team.
Two goals in 90 seconds
midway through the first
half had the Midland
Alliance points in the bag
before Swifts showed any
resilience against Gornal's
free-flowing football.
On 19 minutes striker
Marvin Nisbett latched on to
a through ball and, although
his initial shot was saved by
keeper Haydn Whitcombe,
he slotted home at the
second attempt.
Nisbett was involved in
Gornal's second, beating
two players down the left,
before picking out Lee
Wherton, whose low shot
found the bottom corner
from just outside the area.
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came just before the break as

from just outside the area.
Stourport's only effort came just before the break as John Griffin fired just wide.
Gornal could have extended their lead on half time, but Whitcombe produced a good save to keep out a Matt Weyman strike.
The second half saw Gornal continue their dominance of possession, with Stourport defending much better than the first half but rarely troubling James Pemberton in the Gornal goal.

Heathens to be prepared

DUDLEY HEATHENS aim to be well-prepared for the 2013 speedway season. The Heathens have home

and away challenge matches against Coventry and two and away challenge matches against Coventry and two National League Shield clashes with Mildenhall before opening their league campaign with a home fixture against King's Lynn. Fixtures are National League unless stated otherwise.



Peacocks Sub Graham gets extra-time point for Town

A GOAL by substitute Graham Ashton six minutes into added time rescued a Midland Alliance point for Tipton Town. In the 11th minute Edwin Ahenkorah's

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After Richard Huckfield saw Rocester receper Richard Froggatts mother his flick in the 14th minute, Rocester's Darrenzeonard made space before firing too high.

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Tipton kept pressing as Paul Henley just In the 11th minute Edwin Ahenkorah's cross beat home keeper Jack Hayfield and bounced along the goal-line. The assistant ref ruled it out despite Rocester protests. After Richard Huckfield saw Rocester keeper Richard Froggatt smother his flick in the 14th minute, Rocester's Darren Leonard made space before firing too high. Tipton's Danny Dubitat curled in a dangerous cross but Reuben Wilson saw a full-stretch Froggatt beat his shot away. Tinton kent pressing as Paul Henley just

Tipton Town 2 Rocester 2

Rocester continued to try to deny Tipton as much space as possible after the break. Chris Sterling tested Hayfield and, shortly afterwards, Adam Swain executed a

shortly afterwards, Adam Swain executed a commendable foray upon the home goal but his final pass lacked the required accuracy. Huckfield went close to cutting arrears in the 63rd minute as his neat effort struck an upright. Centre-back Darren Bullock was a rock in the visitors' defence, repelling waves of Tipton attacks.

Tipton's Dubidat and Reuben Wilson gave way to Nathan Waite and Karl Edwards 18 minutes from time.

Five minutes later a foul by Chris Sterling

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on Huckfeld saw the Rocester player sent off. The visitors began to lose their disci-pline, to their cost, and with Tipton mount-ing more attacks it was no great surprise when ace goalscorer Nathan Waite forced the ball home from close in.

It was all Tiptonas they drove forward to save the game, Edwards extended Froggatt and led home attacks which the Rocester keeper defied admirably until, with just 30 seconds of additional time remaining, Ashton struck a dramatic leveller.

He drove deep into the Rocester half and netted from close range to rescue a well-earned point for the Black Country side.

Mongan beaten in the first

JERRY MONGAN missed a place in the national finals of the ABA Schoolboys compe-tition after being overpowered in the first round of his last-four fight, writes Craig Birch.

Craig Birch.

The referee intervened after handing a third standing count to Mongan, who was out-muscled by south-paw John Johnstone, from paw John Johnstone, 1701. Brodsworth ABC in Don-

caster.

They clashed at the Havercroft Leisure Centre in Ryhill, West Yorkshire at 50kg in Class One, for boxers born in 2000, with Mongan fresh on Sunday after a series of byes. series of byes.
The Droitwich-based

The Droitwich-based traveller was competing in this year's tournament for the first time, representing Priory Park ABC in Dudley. The usually-durable Mongan found himself answering a count when he was dazed by a left hook, then again when coming on to the receiving end of a stiff, straight left.

A third left hand connecting was enough to end the

A third left hand connecting was enough to end the contest and shatter his dreams of being a national champion. However, the 12-year-old still has another two years to achieve his ambitions in the Schoolboys.

DK VICTORY HANGS N THE FINAL K

Dudley Kingswinford 35 Westoe 33

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD took a thrilling National Two North victory in a game which hung on the final kick of the match.

At Westoe in October, Gareth Bown narrowly missed a last-minute penalty to win for DK. Here, Westoe's Nathan Horsfall had a conversion attempt for a draw after a late try by Lome Faatau, but put his attempt wide. It was a remark

by Lome Faatau, but put his at able result for the home side who had been reduced to 14 men after just 20 minutes when loose head Rich Kelley was red-carded for foul play. This was a "must win" game for DK against fellow strugglers Westoe. Fly-half Gareth Bown made a suc-cessful return from injury, notching 15 noints.

cessful return from injury, notching 15 points.
DK scored after just three minutes. Attacking deep inside the Westoe 22, Bown broke through to send in Stefan Shillingford for the try. Bown's conversion saw DK lead 7-0.

Converted

It was a short-lived lead as Westoe almost immediately replied with a try by centre Gareth Roberts, converted by Matt Mellish.

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Bown penalties took the home side to 13-7, but a quick Westoe tap penalty by scrum-half Matt Mellish saw big No.8 Scott Powell cross and Mellish add the extras to be successed to the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period of the second period peri

and Mellish add the extras to put his team in front. DK took a body blow on 20 minutes when Kelley was red-carded for retaliation after the referee missed the application of a headlock by the player's opposite number

The depleted home side The depleted home side were spurred on and attacked incessantly. On the half-hour, a fine three-quarter move saw hooker Matt Humphries pick a pass up off his bootlaces to send

Dudlev Kingswinford

in Matt Farrington for DK's second try. Bown landed a huge conversion from the touchline for DK to go 20-14

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The pressure continued and on 37 minutes the ball was moved right for Ben Connett to cruise in and stretch their lead to 25-14 at half-time.

Fourteen-man DK produced a brilliant try with an incisive 40-metre left-wing break from Ian Gowland.

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Shillingford who, with three defenders converging, somehow squeezed out an exquisite back-handed, inside pass to give Farrington a clear 30m run. Bown made it 32-14.

Westoe fought back with openside flanker Rob Adair driving over for a try converted by Mellish and Westoe were back in the match. Powell was yellow-carded on 52 minutes, but full-back Faatau scored wide out and Mellish nailed a long conversion. conversion. Bown knocked over a vital

penalty on 64 minutes.
Faatau set up the denouement with another try, but the missed conversion saw DK bank five points before Saturday's match at Saturday's match Sheffield Tigers (2pm).



Pete Knight gets up to contest line-out ball for Dudley Kingswinford



Matt Humphries makes a good burst for DK



Gareth Bown boots over a conversion



Matt Farrington goes over for a try in DK's nailbiting win over Westoe

Eggington is on the title trail

STOURBRIDGE boxer Sam Eggington is targeting British title shot.

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Eggington tackles his fifth
professional contest at the
HMV Institute in Birmingham on Sunday afternoon.
The 19-year-old welterweight faces Newark-based
Czech Vaclav Skromach.
"I believe I will get to

"I believe I will get to British title level," said

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